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Session Minutes of
Rocky River Presbyterian Church
Concord, North Carolina

September 18, 1835 - September, 1870

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A Note from the Transcriber

The Session is the governing body in a local Presbyterian congregation. It's individual members are elders elected by the congregation. The Session minutes are recorded by a clerk. The installed pastor of the congregation serves as moderator of the Session. During most of the years covered by these particular minutes, Rev. Daniel Allen Penick served as both moderator and clerk of the Session. Each church is part of a Presbytery, which includes all churches of the denomination in a set geographically location. During the time of these Session minutes, Rocky River Presbyterian Church was in Concord Presbytery. Presbytery meets periodically and is made up of an elder and the pastor from each church in the jurisdiction. Groups of Presbyteries make up a Synod. During the time of these Session minutes, Concord Presbytery was part of the North Carolina Synod. The next level up in the hierarchy of the Presbyterian Church is the General Assembly. From the formation of the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America until September 13, 1861, Rocky River Church was part of that denomination. During the War Between the States, Rocky River pulled out of that organization and associated itself with the Presbyterian denomination that was created for the churches in the Confederate States of America. At the end of the War Between the States, the white Presbyterian churches in the southern states retained that denomination and it became the Presbyterian Church U.S.

Until the end of the War Between the States, many white members of Rocky River Presbyterian Church owned black slaves. They were always referred to as "servants" in the church records. The slaves were baptized and were members of Rocky River Church. In 1867, many of the black members of Rocky River Church applied for "certificates of dismission" to join what was at first called the "Colored Presbyterian Church of Rocky River." The name was soon changed to Bellefonte Presbyterian Church.

The Session minutes from 1835-1870 read much differently than modern-day Session minutes. Whereas the Sessions of the 20th and 21st centuries deal almost exclusively with the business of the church (administration, maintenance of church property, overseeing church programs, approving Sunday School curriculum, and being mindful of the welfare of church members, etc.), the Sessions of the early- to mid-19th century operated almost exclusively as disciplinary bodies, according to the minutes. It is interesting and sometimes comical to the reader in the 21st century to read about some of the sins for which members (black and white ones alike) were "called before the Session;" however, it was, no doubt, a very serious situation at the time and many of the sins were quite serious. No one wanted to be called before the Session for trial. Witnesses were called and testimony was given. There are cases where the witnesses were not members of the church or even residents of Cabarrus County. In those cases, a commission was sent from the Session to go to those witnesses and record their testimony. In nearly every case, the accused party was found guilty as charged. The usual punishment was being denied "the privileges of church membership" (i.e., taking Communion, having one's children baptized, voting in church elections, etc.) until such time that the member could give satisfactory evidence of his or her repentance. Sometimes that was a few months, sometimes it was several years, and in some cases it was never recorded that the person was "restored" to full membership. Much of the time covered by these particular minutes, the person's sin and punishment were announced from the

pulpit on the following Sunday. In many cases, the accused was given a choice of standing trial before the Session or going to civil court. The Session trial was chosen in almost every case. The Rocky River community had a reputation for taking care of its own problems. It was said to be rare that a member of Rocky River Presbyterian Church was charged in a civil lawsuit.

The years 1835-1870 covered a very volatile time in our country's history. The War Between the States tore the United States apart and caused untold suffering. Rocky River Presbyterian Church lost 71 men in that war. No family was left untouched by the War.

In 1998, I set out to transcribe the Rocky River Presbyterian Church Session Minutes for the years 1835-1870. If I had known it would take me five years to do that and manually index those minutes, I probably would never have started! I have done this work due to my own interest in the history of Rocky River Presbyterian Church and due to the genealogical inquiries my sister, Marie Morrison, and I receive as the church historians. It is my hope that this transcript will benefit individuals who are researching their genealogy or others who are interested in the history of the 19th century.

Janet Morrison

March 18, 2003

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The Rev. Danl. A. Penick, having expressed a willingness to accept the call to the pastoral care of this church, commenced his labors in the congregation agreeably to previous appointment, on Sabbath, the 12th day of July 1835. ~ For his installation see note - page 21 [page 21 of the original; page 21 of this transcript]

Meeting of Session Rocky River Church

No. 1

Sept. 18th 1835

Session met at the call of the Moderator. All the members present ~ viz.

Rev. Danl. A. Penick - Modr.

Messrs. A. Davis

“ J. Query

“ J. Morrison Ruling Elders

“ J. Phifer &

“ D. Miller

The meeting was constituted with prayer. The following persons, at their own request, after a careful examination on experimental religion, were received into full communion ~ viz. Miss Mary Flinn, Mr. Alphonzo Alexander Jun., Mr. Richard Hudson, Mr. Samuel G. [?] Scott, Milly, a servant of Mr. Alexr. Harris, Jane - servant of Mrs. Rachel Pharr, Caleb - servant of Mrs. Martha Kimmons, Tom - servant of Mr. Thos. White, Miss Eliza Goodman, Miss Teressa Strube, Caesar - servant of Mr. Jas. Morrison, & by certificate (see No. 1 on file) from the Presbyterian Church of Milton, N.C. - Mrs. Agnes Ann Penick. ~ The Rev. Danl. A. Penick was appointed for the present, clerk of Session - with aview of procuring and arranging the materials & commencing a Session Book. ~ Session Adjourned - Concluded with prayer. ~ Danl. A. Penick, Clk

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Note - Sept. 18-21 inclusive, the fall Sacramental Meeting was held; Rev. R.H. Morrison & J.M. Wilson assisting. The congregations were large & solemnly attentive; but there was no very marked indications of the special presence of the Holy Spirit. ~

Meeting of Session

R. River church

No. 2.

Nov. 6th 1835

Session met at the call of the Modr. - Present, Mr. Penick, Modr. & Messrs. J. Morrison & D. Miller, elders - Constituted with prayer. The meeting having been regularly called, Session resolved to proceed to business, notwithstanding the absence of three members. After due deliberation & consultation, the following minutes was adopted & ordered to be put on record - viz. -

Whereas Common Fame charges Mr. Saml. F. Morrison with having been intoxicated with ardent spirits, at Concord, on the day of the general review - 25th Sept. last: - Whereas also the offence is generally known & much talked of to the discredit of religion: - Therefore resolved that it is the duty of this Session to institute process immediately against Mr. S.F. Morrison for said offence; - that he be accordingly cited to appear before this Session at 10 oclk. A.M. on friday [sic] the 20th inst., to answer to the above charges as preferred [sic] by common Fame;- That Messrs. John Morgan & David Miller be cited as witnesses in the case; & That Mr. Morrison be informed that these witnesses will be cited. The clerk was ordered to write the citations, & Messrs. J. Morrison & D. Miller to serve them - the former on Mr. S.F. Morrison, & the latter, on Mr. J. Morgan.

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Session then Adjourned to meet at this place on friday [sic], 20th inst. at 10 oclk.

A.M. ~ Concluded with prayer. ~

Danl. A. Penick - Clk.

Meeting of Session

R. River Church

No. 3.

Nov. 20th 1835

Session met according to adjournment - Present as at the last meeting ~

Constituted with prayer. Session was informed that the citation ordered at the last meeting had been duly served. After waiting a considerable time, & Mr. S.F. Morrison not making his appearance; Session resolved to meet again on Saturday, 28th inst. at 10 oclk A.M. at the same place & on the same business, & that Mr. S.F. Morrison & the same witnesses be cited to attend as before. ~ Adjourned to meet at this place on Saturday 28th inst. at 10 oclk A.M. ~ Concluded with prayer. ~

Danl. A. Penick Clk

Meeting of Session

R. River church

No. 4.

28th Nov. 1835

Session met according to adjournment. All the members present - Constituted with prayer. Mr. S.F. Morrison, being present, stated that indisposition both of himself & his wife had occasioned his absence from the last meeting of Session. Session resolved to proceed to the trial of Mr. S.F. Morrison, upon the charge before specified. The minutes of the preceding meetings of Session in the case were read. The Charge was then stated. Mr. S.F. Morrison acknowledged that he had been guilty of the crime with which he was

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charged. ~ After much conversation with Mr. Morrison, & he having retired, the Session resolved unanimously that seeing Mr. Morrison has been repeatedly guilty of the same offence, & has several times been privately admonished by the Session, as it appears without the desired effect: - Therefore he ought to be, & that he hereby be suspended from the privileges of the church, untill [sic] he shall give evidence of repentance [sic]; - & so that publication be made in church on tomorrow morning of the fact & cause - omitting the name of this suspension. ~

Session further resolved that the cong. be notified on tomorrow that, in future, they will publish from the pulpit every case of actual discipline, - stating the names of persons disciplined, the offences for which they have been disciplined, & the penalties inflicted; - that all my know the true standing of their brethren.

Resolved furthermore unanimously that, as a corrective of certain irregularities, the following expression of our views & feelings be read from the pulpit to the congr. at some early & suitable time, when there shall be a general attendance. - See file No. 2. ~

Adjourned - concluded with prayer -

Danl. A. Penick - Clk.

The following is the document refered [sic] to in the last minute. viz.

A littoral [sic] transcript -

“The Session of R. River church regret to have heard that a number of our members have withdrawn from our communion to connect themselves with another denomination of Christians, without having had recourse to the constitutional provisions for such a charge. ~

We regret it for several reasons; - among others, for the following - viz.

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1. Because we loved them & are unwilling to part with them, without good & satisfactory reasons for such a separation [sic]. We are not apprised of the causes of their disaffection, or the reasons of their wishing to leave us. ~
2. Because we are constrained to believe that they have felt proselyting influence, (whether they are conscious of it or not,) & have thus been induced to treat us very uncourteously & act in a very disorderly manner. ~
3. Because we fear it may impair, if not destroy, that confidence & fellowship between us & brethren of another branch of the church which should ever subsist among the followers of Christ. -- such a result we greatly deprecate. ~

Being solemnly charged, by the oath of our office, to maintain the government, & concert the best measures for promoting the spiritual interests of this congregation: - In view of the aggressions which, at different times, have been made upon our congregation, & the irregularities of some of our members, just referred [sic] to: - And especially for the purpose of correcting such irregularities, & promoting the true interests of the congregation: The Session feel themselves imperiously called upon to make the following statements, both as an expose of their views & as an affectionate caution to their brethren, on the several matters brought into view. If there had been but one instance of the evils complained, we should look over it in silence. But the aggressions referred [sic] to have been so constantly & industriously practiced, & the irregularities of our brethren have been so often repeated, that we cannot consent, any longer, to look over them in silence. ~

1. We regard the practice of proselyting persons from one evangelical christian Church to another, by whomsoever it may be done, as both unscriptural & unchristian. Such a practice is not only uncourteous & uncharitable, but it impugns the character of the church which is thus treated. We should think that all denominations of christians might find

work enough to do in destitute fields to make genuine proselytes of the unconverted, without thinning the ranks & interrupting the peace of sister churches.

2 We feel it to be our duty to caution such of our people as may be exposed to such proselyting efforts, against all such insinuating influences as would induce them to change their present system of religion for the Arminian creed. For we feel assured that there is a real & a wide difference between the Calvinistic & Arminian System, - as any theologian of other denominations will unhesitatingly testify. Nor can we see how any man can consistently renounce the former & embrace the latter, without having first patiently & thoroughly investigated the whole subject. We cannot believe that our brethren have done this. And we have no doubt their withdrawing from the presbyterian to join the Methodist Episcopal church will be universally regarded as renouncing the principles & doctrines of one to embrace those of the other. ~

Whilst we certainly desire every one of our number, who is not in sentiment a Calvinist & a Presbyterian, either to become one truly, or to withdraw, in a regular manner, from our communion; we would nevertheless affectionately advise our brethren who have manifested a disposition to join another church, to reconsider the steps which they have taken, & prayerfully to inquire whether they have not taken them rashly, & whether it would not to their spiritual interest to retrace them. ~

We cannot refrain from saying, in this place, that we regard it as manifestly inconsistent with the covenant & Baptismal engagements of our brethren, habitually to absent themselves from their own church to attend other meetings, & especially to place their children in Sabbath Schools in which principles are taught not only different from, but subversive of the doctrines contained in the standards of our own church. ~

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3. We regard it as utterly inadmissible, because contrary to propriety & mutual obligation, as well as subversive of all order & harmony between churches, for the same individual to be a member of two churches at the same time, especially, if they be of different denominations. ~

4. Whilst we have no wish to prevent any person from leaving this, to join any other christian church that may be really & intelligently preferred [sic]: Yet, we are constrained to say under present circumstances, that we consider it as treating us, both as a Session & a church, with marked disrespect, not to say contempt, - for a member to go off & join another church & especially one of another denomination of christians, without first consulting with us, or applying to us for a certificate of dismission & recommendation. As we would receive no member of another church without such a certificate, except in extraordinary cases: - We cannot but consider it as unkind treatment for other brethren & especially brethren of other denominations, to receive our members in such a disorderly way. ~ And we wish it to be distinctly understood that, in future, we shall expect all our members about to remove from our bounds, into those of another branch of the Presbyterian church, to call on us for certificates of dismission & recommendation to the churches into whose bounds they move; - That we shall consider all members of our church who may connect themselves with other denominations of christians, without applying to us for certificates of dismission in a regular manner, as subjecting themselves to church discipline, at our discession [sic], for such conduct; - & also that we shall regard that denomination of christians that may receive such disorderly members as thereby forfeiting, at our discession [sic], our cristian [sic] fellowship.” ~

The above, as directed by Session, was read from the pulpit in R. River church to a full house on Sabbath, Decr. 6th 1835 -

Danl. A. Penick ~

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Notes - The monthly concert for prayer is generally attended in the different quarters, & in some instances collections are taken up for foreign missions. ~

Sept. 27. - Ordered that Mr. Robt. Pharr & Mrs. A.F. Pharr be furnished equally to this request with certificates of dismission & recommendation to the church where they may settle in the West. ~

Oct. 11. - Ordered that Mr. Saml. Allen be furnished with a certificate in like manner.

Decr. 13. - By order of Session, Mrs. Eliza White, removing to the West, was dismissed.

Decr. 27. - Dismissed, by order of Session, Moses & Ruth - servants of Dr. Wilson's estate - to join at Ebenezer.

Decr. 27. - Also Mr. Jas. H. Townsend & Mrs. Martha Townsend to Poplar Tent. ~

Sept. 19. - Departed this life Mrs. McClellan, consort of Mr. Robert McClellan. ~

Jany. 22. 1836 - Departed this life Mrs Jane Morgan in the [blank in original] year of her age. Her end was peace. ~

Feby. 7. - Dismissed by order of Session Col. Jas. White, at his own request, to join the M. Episcopal church. ~

Feby. - Departed this life Mrs. Nichols in the [blank in original] year of her age. ~

“ 21. Dismissed Anthony, servant of Mr. John McClartey, removed. ~

“ 28. Dismissed Jack & Jude, servants of Dr. C. Alexander, whom he sold to a member of Poplar Tent. ~

“ 28. Sab. the Rev. Mr. Laneer from Nashville, Ten. preached for us. ~ Mr. L. obtained five subscribers to the American Presbyterian. ~

March 6 - Ordered that Mr. John Morrison, or in case of his failure, Mr. David Miller represent this Session at the next meeting of Concord Presbytery. ~

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Annual Sessional Report
of the Presbyterian Church of Rocky River, N.C.
from April 1st 1835 to April 6th 1836

Communicants -

Total in communion per last report: 425

Members since added on examination: 18

Members since added on certificate: 1

Died: 5

Dismissed: 12

Suspended: 1

Total now in communion: 444

Baptisms since last report -

Adults: 6

Infants: 36

Total: 42

Collections since the last report -

Foreign Missions: 290

Domestic Mission:

For commissioner's Funds: 8

For Presbytery:

For Theol. Seminary:

For Education of poor & pious youth:

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Meeting of Session

No. 5.

R. River Church -

April 29th 1836.

Session met at the call of the Moderator. All the members present - Constituted with prayer.

The following persons, after a careful examination on experimental religion, were received into full communion of the church. - viz. ~ Mr. Robert N. Davis, Robert H. Morrison, Geo. C. Marvin, Miss Eliza Pharr, Jane Bradshaw, Elizabeth Blads [?], Tirza S. White, Mary S. White, Ann Johnston, Mr. Richd. C. Carson, Joseph L. Black, & Ira Wallace: - Of coloured persons, Elick, servant of widow Polly Harris, Cloe Luiza - servant of Wm. McClellan - Cinthia - “ of Dr. Alexander - Sam - “ of Jos. M. Welch - Elick - “ of Nathan Phillips - Eliza - “ of Andrew Davis - Washington- “ of Saml. Kimmons - Moses - “ of Saml. Kimmons - Jemima - “ of C. David White - Dinah Dianna “ of Elias Snell. ~

Miss Eliza Frances Penick was received upon certificate from Cumberland Church Va.
(See file No. 2.)

Mrs. Sarah M. Harris was received by certificate from the evangelical Lutheran Church. ~
(See file No. 3.)

Mrs. Jane Marvin, & Mr. Samuel F. Morrison, who had been suspended from church privileges [sic], were restored, (upon their confession & manifestation of repentance,) to the full communion of the church. ~

Adjourned. Concluded with prayer. ~

Danl. A. Penick - Clerk -

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Notes. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered May 1st. Dr. Robinson & Dr. J.M. Wilson assisting. -

On Friday [sic] of the Meeting, a collection was taken to assist the infant Presbyn. church at Welumpka Ala. to build a house of worship, amounting to \$12.00. ~

On Saturday, a collection was taken to aid in repairing a heavy loss which Mr. Pinkard had sustained by fire amounting in money & grain, to \$76.31. ~

The education subscription was collected during the meeting by Dr. Robinson - amounting to \$124.00.

Note - On Monday afternoon, at the close of the Meeting, two members of the church, who had been at considerable variance - one of whom was about to prosecute the other - having already tabled charges; came together & amicably settled all their differences.

Pleasant. See files - No. 4, as signed by the parties & read to the congregation. ~

May 15th, 1836. Mr. David Miller informed the Session that, owing to some dissatisfaction in the congregation, he doubted whether he was as useful in the office which he held as some other man might be, & that he wished the congregation to say whether he might cease to act as ruling Elder or not. ~

Whereupon the Session ordered that a congregational meeting be held on next Wednesday at the church & that publication be made of it to day (which was done,) to ascertain whether Mr. Miller can be permitted to cease to act as ruling elder in this congregation, & in case, he is permitted, to elect another in his place.

For Mr. Miller's letter, see file - No. 5.

May 18 - 1836 - The congregation met, as called by the Session, & having agreed by vote that Mr. Miller might cease to act as ruling elder in this congregation; proceeded

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to elect an elder in his place: Whereupon Mr. John M. Black was duly elected. ~
Mr. B. afterward accepted & was ordained.

July 24th, 1836 - Dismissed Edward W. Chambers, & Penelope Pharr, at their own
request, the former to the church in Morganton, & the latter, to the church of
which her brother is pastor in Va. ~

Aug. 7 - The following members of Session being together, viz. D.A. Penick, J. Morrison,
A. Davis, & J. Phifer; - Mr. Wm. Andrew applied to be restored to church
privileges [sic], - whereupon - after considerable conversation with him, in which
he made satisfactory explanation & concessions, he was restored to full
communion - The fact to be stated to the congregation on this morning - which
was done.

Aug. 17. The above members of Session with Mr. J. query being together: Mrs. Jane
Allen (daughter of Mr. Thos. White.) applied for a dismissal to join the church in
Rutherford. Her request was granted & a certificate ordered to be furnished.

“ 21. Members of Session being all present, except Mr. Davis, Mr. Alexander Allen &
his wife Mrs. B.S. [?] Allen were dismissed at their own request to join the church
at Statesville N. C. ~

“ Departed this life Miss Dorcas McCachren, after several months lingering in the
consumption. Her end was peaceful & hopeful. ~

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Meeting of Session

R. River Church

No. 6

Sept. 11th 1836.

Session met at the call of the Modr. - All the members present - Constituted with prayer.

The following persons, upon application, after a careful examination on experimental religion, was received into full communion ~ viz. Jane T. Harris, Margt. E. Spears, Sarah Dixon, Ceny M. Morgan, Mary A. White, Mary E. Harris, Andrew F. McCree, John B. McKee, James B. White, Josiah L. Phillips. Other applicants were put off till next friday [sic] morning. McCachran W. Scott, at his own request. Mr. Phifer, was dismissed to join the church in Cheraw S.C. ~

Adjourned to meet at the church on friday [sic] next at 9 oclk. ~ Danl. A. Penick - clk.

Meeting of Session

R. River Church

No. 7

Sept. 16th 1836 -

Session met according to adjournment - all the members present - constituted with prayer.

The following persons applying - after an examination on experimental religion - were received into full communion - viz. ~

Garrison - Servt. of W. McClarty - Matilda, Servt. of W.W. Spears - Sam, Servt. of C.W. Spears - Dorcas, Servt. of C. Cochran - Esther, Servt. of T. Bost - Tom, Servt. of J. Litiker - & by certificate from Philadelphia church (see file No. 6) Mr. Wm. H. Moore. ~

Ordered that Mr. Jas. Query represent this Session at the next meeting of Presy. & that Mr. J. Phifer be his alternate. ~

Adjourned - Concluded with prayer.

Danl. A. Penick - Clk.

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Notes - on Sab. Sept. 18th the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper & Baptism were administered - Messrs. H. N. Pharr, A.S. Watts, & J.M. Wilson assisting.

Feby. 5th 1837. - All the members of Session being present at the church; - Order that Mrs. Mary E. Chambers receive a certificate of dismission to a church in S.C. - according to her request, thro. Rev. Mr. Penick - by letter from her husband. ~

Feby. 12th All members of Session being present, ordered that Mrs. Margaret Kimmons, & Miss Abigail Erixene Kimmons be furnished with certificates of dismission, according to their request. ~

Feby. 19th 1837. - Mr. John H. McClellan requested a certificate of dismission. All the members of Session present - Ordered that his request be complied with. ~

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Annual Sessional Report
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Communicants -

Total in Communion per last report: 444

Members since added on examination: 38

Members since added on certificate: 3

Died: 3

Dismissed: 7

Suspended:

Total now in Communion: 475

Baptisms since last report -

Adults: 13

Infants: 51

Total: 64

Collections since the last report -

Foreign Missions: 226.11

Domestic Missions:

For Commissioner's Fund: 8

For Presbytery: 160.50

For Theological Seminary: 50

For Education of poor & pious youth: 77

186 children & youth have been examined on the Shorter Catechism; & about 200 adults

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on the doctrines of the Confn. of Faith. ~

Dated March 6th 1837 - Signed - Danl. A. Penick - Clk. & Modr.

Meeting of Session

No. 8

Pioneer Mills - Cabarrus N-C-

April 5th 1837

The Session of R.R. Church met according to appointment - Present - Rev. D.A. Penick Modr.; & Messrs. J. Morrison, A. Davis, & J. Black, elders - Constituted with prayer. ~ After due deliberation, the following preamble & resolutions were unanimously passed - viz. ~

Whereas Common Fame charges Mr. Jas. Pugh with having been intoxicated by the use of ardent spirits on tuesday [sic] & wednesday [sic] of Cabarrus County Court in Jany last, at Concord & his return home: - Whereas also said offence is know to many & is operating injuriously to religion; - whereas further more we have endeavored privately to reclaim Mr. Pugh from this vice without success: - Therefore resolved that he be cited to attend a meeting of this Session to be held at the church on Saturday the 15th inst. at 10 oclk. A.M. - to answer to the above charge. ~

Resolved that Messrs. A. Alexander, R. Kirkpatrick, W.W. Spears, H. Davis, S. McKindley, & H. Spears be cited to attend as witnesses in the case. ~

Adjourned to meet at the church on Saturday 15th inst. at 10 oclk. A.M. ~

Concluded with prayer. ~

Danl. A. Penick - Clk

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Meeting of Session

No. 9. R. River church

April 15th 1837

Session met according to adjournment ~ All the members presents ~ Constituted with prayer. ~ Mr. James Pugh's case was taken up. The minutes of the last meeting were read. Session was informed that all the citations had been served. ~

The following witnesses were called & sworn & examined as follows - viz. - By the Session ~

Col. A. Alexander - who said that on tuesday [sic] of Jany. Court, he saw Mr. Jas. Pugh riding past his house, reeling from side to side like a drunken man, & that he thought him evidently so much intoxicated as to be in danger of falling off his horse. ~

R. Kirkpatrick, when called upon, refused to be sworn & stated that he had deliberately made up his mind to give evidence in no case, except a criminal prosecution at the civil bar, & requested the Session to excuse him from testifying in the present case. ~

Mr. W.W. Spears stated that he rode a part of the way home with Mr. Pugh on tuesday [sic] of Jany. Court, that he did not think him to be intoxicated; that he had seen him take one dram - That he had traveled home with him also on wednesday [sic]; that Mr. Pugh had driven his gig home for him; that he had turned it over on the road; & that tho. the roads were very bad, he thought him a little too much ____ated by the use of ardent spirits. Mr. S. McKindley stated that he had rode a mile or two with Mr. Pugh on tuesday [sic] of Jany. Court, & that he did not perceive or think that he was intoxicated. ~

Mr. H. Davis said He rode a part of the way home with Mr. Pugh on tues. of Jany. court - That he saw nothing the matter with him; that he did not think of his being intoxicated - & that he has never seen him intoxicated. ~

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Mr. H. Spears said he rode most of the way home from court on tues. in Jany. last, & that he saw nothing the matter with him. ~

The following were introduced by Mr. Pugh - viz. ~

Mr. George Stewart - who said - he rode home from court on tues. in Jany. last with Mr. Pugh, that he was with him when they passed Col. Alexander's & that he saw nothing the matter with him, & that he did not believe him to be intoxicated. ~

Mr. J. Black said he saw Mr. Pugh at Ct. on tues. of the Jany. term, & that he saw no evidence of his being intoxicated. ~

Mr. D. Long said he saw Mr. Pugh & did business on tues & wed. of Jany court; & that he saw no evidence of intoxication. ~

Mr. J. Anderson said that Mr. Pugh had sent for him at half an hour after dark on wednesday [sic] of Jany. Court - that Mr. Pugh was in bed, had a chill, & had been vomiting; & that he perceived no smell of spirits, or other evidence of his being intoxicated. ~

There being no further evidence, Session proceeded to consider the case, & after due deliberation - resolved unanimously that in the opinion of the Session, there is not evidence from the testimony that Mr. Pugh is guilty of the charge preferred [sic] against him. ~

The Session then considered the conduct of Mr. R. Kirkpatrick in refusing to give evidence when called upon: ~ Mr. K. was heard in full in explanation of his conduct: - After which, the Session resolved unanimously that, in their opinion, Mr. K. deserves to be censured for his cont_____ius conduct; - & that the Modr. express to Mr. K. the Session's decided disapprobation of his conduct. ~

Adjourned ~ Concluded with prayer.

Danl. A. Penick - clk.

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Meeting of Session

No. 10 R. River church

April 30th 1837.

Session Met at the previous call of the Modr. ~ Constituted with prayer ~ Present, Rev. D.A. Penick, & Messrs. Morrison, Davis, & Phifer. Maria Wilson - Servant of Miss Rachel Wilson - presented herself as a candidate for church membership. After a careful examination on experimental religion - she was advised to defer her application to a future occasion - she was not received. ~ Messrs. Query & Black appeared in Session & took their seats. ~ The following persons, after a careful examination, were received into full communion - viz. Miss Margaret E. Pharr, Malissa A. Harris & Agnes McClellan. ~ Adjourned to meet at this place on Wednesday next at 10 oclck A.M. - Concluded with prayer ~ Danl. A. Penick - clk

Meeting of Session

No. 11 Rocky River Church

Wednesday 10 oclck - May 3, 1837.

Session met according to adjournment ~ Constituted with prayer - Present Rev. D.A. Penick & Messrs. Morrison, Davis & Query, & Mr. Black after two candidates had been examined. ~ The following persons applied for Church priviligis [sic] - were examined &c. viz~

Peggy -	servant of Jas. Harris (See file No.)	~	received
Jane -	“ “ L. Harris -----		not received
Patsy -	“ “ Mrs. M. Caldwell -----		received
Martin -	“ “ “ M. Harris -----		received

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Miss Sarah Pharr	-----	received
“ Sarah W. Cochran	-----	received
“ Dorcas H. Cochran	-----	not received
Isaack S. Walker	-----	received
John O. Flinn	-----	received

Whereas Common Fame charges Mr. William Andrew with having been intoxicated with ardent spirits at Concord, on Monday & Tuesday of Cabarrus court for January last -

Whereas also his conduct is extensively known, & much talked of to the reproach of the church: -- Therefore resolved that William Andrew be cited to meet this Session at the church on Wednesday the 17th Instant at 10 ocl. A.M. to defend himself against or confess said charges. ~

Resolved further that the following persons be cited to attend as witnesses against Mr. Andrew, & that he be furnished with a list of them ~ viz. Messrs. W. Henderson, (of Concord) John Russell, John Morgan, W.W. Spears, John Morrison, & John M. Black. ~ Adjourned to meet on friday [sic] next at the church ~ Concluded with prayer. ---

Danl. A. Penick

Note - May 5th 1837 - Our Semiannual Sacramental meeting commenced to day - which is observed as a day of Fasting & prayer. ~

Meeting of Session

No. 12

Rocky River church

Friday 5th May 1837.

Session met according to appointment - Constituted with prayer - All the members present.

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Francis Ross offered himself as a candidate for church privileges [sic] - was examined - but not admitted. ~

Jane - Servant of Mr. Levi Parks - having applied, was examined, & received. ~ Session had a recess - subject to the call of the Modr. -- No further business claiming our attention & other duties keeping us employed, the Session was not called together again during the meeting ~

Danl. A. Penick - clk

Notes - May 6th 1837 - The Rev. Danl. A. Penick was this day installed as pastor of R. River church by Dr. J. Robinson & Rev. R.H. Morrison Committee of Concord Presby. ~

- May 7th - The Sacrament of Baptism & the Lord's Supper were administered to day in the presence of a very large & attentive audience. ~

May 8th - A Temperance Sermon was delivered to day by Rev. R.H. Morrison - when 47 whites & 4 blacks signed the pledges - 19 blacks having signed on friday [sic]. ~

Meeting of Session

R. River church

No. 13.

Wedy. 17th May 1837.

Session met according to adjournment ~ Present Rev. D.A. Penick - Modr., & Messrs. Morrison, Phifer, & Black, with all the witnesses - except Mr. Henderson. After some time, a note was received, which had no signature, but which was said to have been sent to Session by Mr. Andrew, & which stated he could not be ready for trail to day, & that

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he did not know when he could be ready. See file No. [blank in original.] Whereupon Session resolved to meet again for the purpose of issuing the trial of Mr. Andrew as above preferred [sic], on Saturday the 27th inst. at 2 oclock P.M. - & ordered that all the parties be cited accordingly to attend to meet at this place on Sat. 27th inst. at 2 oclck. P.M. --

Danl. A. Penick - clk

Meeting of Session

Rocky River church

No. 14

May 27th 1837

Session met according to adjournment -

Members present ~

Rev. Danl. A. Penick - Modr. with

Messrs J. Morrison, A. Davis, J. Query, J. Phifer, & J.M. Black ~ Elders

The meeting was constituted with prayer. ~

Mr. Wm. Andrew & most of the witnesses being present, -- Session resolved to take up

Mr. Andrew's case. ~ Mr. Andrew states that he was willing to enter upon the case. ~

The charge as preferred [sic] against Mr. Andrew by Common Fame, was read.

The witnesses were then called & each of them sworn, & examined as follows -
viz. ~

Mr. John Russell stated that he had seen Mr. Andrew on tuesday [sic] of Jany. court at Concord, that Mr. A. was bidding for property in such a manner as indicated to him that he was decidedly intoxicated; that he saw Mr. A. afterwards & was confirmed in the impression from his manner of walking & conversing; -- & also that he saw Mr. A. taken a very stiff drink. ~

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Mr. John Morgan stated that he saw Mr. Wm. Andrew on tuesday [sic] of Jany. court at the court house; - that he conversed with him, & that from his appearance & conversation (his tongue appearing to be heavy-) he received a very distinct impression that Mr. A. was intoxicated. ~

Mr. W.W. Spears stated that he saw Mr. Andrews on tuesday [sic] of Jany. court of Concord, & that he thought from Mr. Andrew's conduct & appearance, that he was a little richer & happier in his own feelings than he would have been if he had not been taking a dram which he had seen him do.

Question by Mr. Andrew -- "Did you ask me if I was bidding for that house & lot for myself? Ans. - I did. Ques. by the same - "Did I not tell you that I was bidding for another man? Ans. You did. Ques. by the same - Did you think me intoxicated after that? Ans. - no." ~

Ques. by Modr. - Did you think after that conversation with Mr. Andrew, that he was excited beyond his usual state of mind by the use of ardent spirits? Ans. - I believed him to be a little elevated by the dram which he had taken.

Mr. J. Morrison stated that he saw Mr. Andrew on tuesday [sic] of Jany. court at Concord, that Mr. A. wished to borrow some money from him; & that from what he saw, he thought that Mr. A. had drunk more than was for his good -- more than was proper for a christian man to drink. --

Mr. J.M. Black stated that he saw Mr. Andrew on tuesday [sic] of Jany. Court, at the Court house, in the afternoon; - & that he thought that Mr. A. was elevated with drink - that he considered him pretty full of liquor. ~

Mr. J. Pugh was introduced by the defendent [sic] - & stated that he was with Mr. Wm. Andrew at Mr. D. Long's on Monday night, & that he saw him on tuesday [sic] of

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Jany. court, at Concord; - & that he could See that Mr. A. had been drinking - but that he did not consider him drunk. ~

Ques. by Modr. - When do you consider a man drunk? Ans. - When he has drunk so much that he cannot do his business, or so much as to behave amiss. ~

Ques. by the same - Did you think that Mr. Andrew was excited by drinking beyond his usual state of mind? Ans. - I did not think that drink had changed his state of mind, but that it had altered his looks. ~

Mr. Andrew next offered as testimony a certificate from Mr. Edward Pitman - which was not admitted, on the ground that it had not been procured in the manner prescribed in our book of discipline. ~

At this stage of the business, Mr. Andrew requested indulgence for a short time that he might get the testimony of Mr. Pitman & others which he considered material in his case & which he thought he had, in part, in the form of a written certificate, which was not admitted. -

Whereupon Session resolved that, inasmuch as Mr. Andrew insist that the evidence which was rejected is material, & that he cannot have a fair trial without it inasmuch also as we are not apprised that granting the desired indulgence will violate any principle of our book of Discipline, & as we wish to give Mr. A. every opportunity to defend himself: - the trial be arrested for the present at this point, & that Session will meet again to issue the cases, at this place, on Saturday the 10th of June next at 1/2 past 10 oclk P.M. ~ & also that both parties be allowed to adduce [?] at the next meeting any additional testimony which they may deem important. ~ Adjourned to meet here 18th June 1/2 part 2 oclk P.M.

-- Concluded with prayer ~

Danl. A. Penick - clk. --

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May 28th 1837 -

All the members of Session being present ~ Ordered that Messrs. J. Phifer & J. Query be a commission to take the testimony of Mr. W. Henderson of Concord in the case of Wm. Andrew, on friday [sic], the 2nd day of June next, at 10 oclck a.m. & at the counting room of J.F. & C. Phifers of Concord. ~

Ordered also that Missrs. [sic] D. Miller, E.C. Black, & Wm. Y. Black be cited to give evidence in the case of Mr. Andrew - & that Mr. A. be apprised of the arrangement. Note - June 4th 1837 Members of Session being all present, application was made thro. Rev. Mr. Penick, for certificates of dismission for the following persons - to unite in forming a church at Davidson College - viz. Messrs. Thos. Davis, Arch___. Neely, Wm. Flinn, & John B. McKee. The request was granted. ~ Miss Penelope Pharr returned her certificate of dismission from this church & was received again. ~

Note - June 11th 1837 - Members of Session all present - The following persons requested thro. Mr. Phifer, to be dismissed to Concord church viz - John F. Phifer, Richard C. Carson, Dr. E. R. Gibson, & Mrs. E. Gibson: Resolved that their request be granted. ~

Meeting of Session

Rocky River Church

No. 15 ~

June 10th 2 1/2 oclck P.M. 1837

Session met agreeably [sic] to adjournment - All the members present - Constituted with prayer.

Mr. W. Andrew & some of the witnesses being present; Session resolved to proceed in the case of Mr. A. ~ The charge was again read. Mr. David Miller was sworn. He then stated that he had seen Mr. Andrew on Monday evening of Jany. court - that he,

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Mr. A. rode up to his father's gate, & turned without speaking to any one & went back to the road. ~ Ques. by Modr. - What in his appearance made you think that he was intoxicated? Ans - his manner of riding - his swaggering from side to side as he road - made me think so. ~

Ques. by the same - Did you see Mr. A. on tuesday [sic]? Ans. Yes.

Ques. by the same - Did you think him intoxicated? Ans. I did. ~

Messrs. Query & Phifer, who had been appointed a commission to take the testimony of Wm. Henderson of Concord; - reported as follows - which was ordered to be recorded as a part of the testimony in this case ~ viz - (see file) Concord June 2nd 1837. In obedience to an order of the Session of Rocky River church, we the undersigned subscribers met & proceeded, as appointed, to take the testimony of Wm. Henderson of Concord, on oath, in the case of Common Fame against Wm. Andrew, a member of R. River church, for the crime of intoxication by strong drink, on Monday or tuesday [sic] of Jany. Court 1837 -

Ques. 1. - Did you see Wm. Andrew on tuesday [sic] of said court? Ans. Yes. ~

Ques. 2. - In what condition did you think he was, when you saw him in respect to sobriety? Ans. - I think for my part that he had been drinking very freely. ~

Ques. 3. - Did you refuse to take his bid for a house & lot (or tract of land ordered to be sold by court of Equity?) Ans. - I did, several times. ~

Ques. 4. - Why did you refuse his bid? - Ans. Because I thought that he was incapable of knowing what he was doing by intemperance. ~

Ques. 5. - For what reason do you think so? Ans. Because I considered that he would not have done as he did if he had not been intoxicated or disordered in the head some way.

Signed by James Query and John Phifer ~

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Mr. Andrew's witnesses being still absent, & he representing that their testimony is essential in his case, & requesting that they might be cited to attend on some other day: ~ Therefore resolved that the further consideration of this case be postponed untill [sic] Thursday 15th inst. 2 1/2 oclk P.M. - & that citation be issued in behalf & by request of Mr. A. to Messrs. N. Phillips, H. Davis, E. Pittman, & D. Long. ~ Mr. Black was requested again to solicit the attendance of Mr. E.C. Black, a member of the Methodist Episcopal church. ~

Adjourned to meet at this place at 2 1/2 oclk P.M. on thursday [sic] 25th inst. ~

Concluded with prayer. ~

Danl. A. Penick - clk.

Meeting of Session

R. River church

No. 16.

June 15th 1837

Session met according to adjournment - All the members present - Constituted with prayer. ~ Mr. Andrew & several witnesses being present. - Session resolved to take up & proceed to issue his case. ~ The charge was read. ~

Mr. N. Phillips was introduced by Mr. Andrew & sworn. He first asked for a definition of intoxication. He then stated that he had seen Mr. A. at Concord on tuesday [sic] of Jany. court, that he perceived that Mr. A. had been drinking, - but that he saw no misbehavior in him. Ques. by Modr.- did you believe from what you saw that he had drunk more than a Xtn. [Christian] man ought to drink? Ans. I did think so. Ques. by the same -

Did you think that the effect of what he had drunk was calculated to bring reproach upon religion? Ans. I do not know that I can say so. ~ Ques. by Mr. A. - Did you think me intoxicated? Ans. I thought you not much intoxicated - just a little elevated. ~ Ques. by

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the same - Did you think me capable of doing my business as well as I commonly am?

Ans. I did think you so.

Mr. Wm. G. Black, introduced by Session, was sworn. He said that he saw Mr. A. at Concord on Tuesday evening of Jany. court, & considered that he had drunk too much: & that he thought so from his appearance, from his tongue appearing to be heavy, & from the Crier (who was selling a gig) refusing to cry his bid. ~

Mr. E.C. Black - introduced by Session - was sworn. ~ He stated that he was in at Taylor Henderson's of Concord, on Tuesday of Jany. court, that Mr. A. came in to borrow some money - That he thought from his appearance & the thickness of his tongue that Mr. A. had been drinking too much. When Mr. A. was told that he could get no money there, but that perhaps he might get some elsewhere; the witness understood Mr. A. to say - "Concord is a damned poor place: - I have some four thousand dollars at home which I will send up against next week to be lent out in town." The witness is not possitive [sic] that Mr. A. used the above language; but he thinks that it conveys the substance of what Mr. A. said. ~

The testimony which had been taken was then all read over, & briefly explained by the Modr. -

Mr. Andrew was then heard in full in his own defence. ~ After which, the Session alone seriously considered the case, interchanged opinions, & unanimously Resolved that, in their judgement, Mr. Wm. Andrew is guilty of the charge profered [sic] against him by Common Fame. ~ ~

Resolved unanimously, that; in view of Mr. A.'s guilt of said charge & the injury which such conduct does to religion - as well also for reclaiming the offender as for the honor of religion; Mr. W. Andrew be, & that he hereby is suspended from the privileges

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[sic] of the church of the Lord Jesus Christ, untill [sic] he shall give evidence of repentance. Resolved also that this be publickly [sic] read to the congregation on next sabbath day. ~ Adjourned. --

Concluded with prayer. ~

Danl. A. Penick - Clk. --

Note - July 2. 1837- members of Session being all present - Ordered that Mr. Andrew McRee be dismissed according to request & recommended to the church in Charlotte. ~

Note - Aug. 6. Messrs. Morrison, Query, & Phifer with the Modr. of Session being present; upon application, Mr. Stanhope White & Miss Elizabeth White were ordered to be dismissed as members in good standing to join Phila. Church. ~

Note - Aug. 20. Messrs. Morrison, Query, & Phifer, with the Modr. being present - ordered that the following persons be dismissed at their own request - viz. Jas. R. Plunket, to Iredell - J.W. Morgan, Mary Morgan, Nancy Morgan, Mary L. Morgan, Mary Shive, Thos. Black, Jane Black, Hessy Furr, & Thos. Harris. ~

Note - Sept. 3. - Messrs. Members of Session being all present, except Mr. Query, ordered that Miss E.F. Penick be dismissed as a member in good standing to Cumberland Church Va. - & that Miss Mary M. Long, now Mrs. Henderson, be dismissed to Concord church, as a member in good standing when she left our bounds some three years ago. ~

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Meeting of Session,

No. 17.

Rocky River church

Oct. 4. 1837.

Session met at the call of the Modr.: all the members present: Constituted with prayer. ~

The following persons applied for admission into the church ~ viz.

By examination on experimental religion ~

Jane -- servant of Mr. Laird Harris -

Josiah -- " " Smith Pharr -

Betty Selinia -- " " J.C. Harris

Anderson -- " " Saml. Harris &

Becksey his wife " " " " ~

Also by certificate from Philadelphia church - (See file)

Wm. S. Morrison, & his wife

Helene Morrison. ~

Adjourned to meet on friday [sic] next at 9 oclck - Concluded with prayer --

Danl. A. Penick - clk

Meeting of Session

Rocky River

No. 18. ~

Oct. 6th. 1837

Session met according to adjournment - Members all present - Constituted with prayer. ~

The following persons were received into full communion in the church viz. ~

By certificate from Philadelphia church - Mr. John Gingles - See file ~

By examination

James R. White & John Dwight Morrison -

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George- servt of W.W. Spears

Winney - “ “ “ “

George - “ of Saml. F. Morrison. ~

Session had a recess untill [sic] tomorrow morning 9 oclk. -

Saturday morning. 9 oclk - Session met - present as above ~

The following persons were received after examination into full communion- viz.

Mr. Wm. Hedley

Mrs. Margt. Hedley &

Elic - servant of W.F. Pharr

After due deliberation & consultation, the following minute was ordered to be placed on record.

Whereas Common Fame charges Mr. Samuel Pharr Sen. with having been intoxicated & with having used profane language, unbecoming a christian & reproachful to religion, in Concord, on the day of the last August election: ~ Therefore Resolved that Mr. Saml. Pharr Sen. be cited to meet this Session & answer to the above charges, on Friday the 20th inst., at 10 oclk A.M. - & that he be informed that the following witnesses will be cited to prove the charges viz. Messrs. Hall Burns, Josiah White, Joseph Pharr, & Robert Kirkpatrick. ~

Ordered that the clerk issue the citations & that Mr. Phifer serve them. ~

After which the Session adjourned to attend upon preaching - to meet here the 20th inst. at 10 oclk. A.M. ~

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Note - On Sab. the 8th Oct. - The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered - Messrs. W.S. Pharr & A. Johnston; with Mr. J.E. Morrison Friday [sic] & Sat. - assisted during the occasion.

Oct. 12 1837 Thus far examined and approved by Presbytery.

Jasr. [?] Morrison Modr.

Meeting of Session

No. 19. Rocky River

Oct. 20th 1837

The Session met according to adjournment - All the members present - Constituted with prayer. Mr. Phifer informed the Session that all the witnesses in Mr. Pharr had been cited except Mr. J. White who is not in the country.

Mr. Pharr being present, & some of the witnesses; Session resolved to proceed to the trial.

The charges were read: The following witnesses were introduced, sworn, & examined.

They testified as follows - viz - Mr. H. Burns - that he saw Mr. Pharr at Concord on the day of last Aug. election - that he perceived that Mr. P. had taken a dram - that he thought Mr. P. was excited either by drink or something else, & also that he heard Mr. P. some such unbecoming phrase as the following - "I am, or you are damned." &c. - He further stated that, except the profane language which he thinks was twice used, he saw nothing unbecoming a christian.

Mr. R. Kirkpatrick said that he saw Mr. P. at Concord on the same day, at the distance from him of about 30 yards, sitting on his horse - that he thought, from his loud & noisy talk, that Mr. P. was intoxicated - that he heard no profane language - that it the

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common talk in the company where he was that Mr. P. was in his airs - that he thought Mr. P.'s conduct was unbecoming a christian. ~

He further said, that he had seen men guilty of greater airs, who had used no ardent spirits: - get it was his impression that Mr. P. was under the influence of spirits. ~

Mr. P. Cox, introduced by Mr. Pharr - stated that Mr. P. overtook him about one mile from town on his return from last Aug. election, & rode with him nearly home - that he saw nothing the matter with Mr. P. - that he did not think Mr. P. to be drunk - but said that he perceived by Mr. P's eyes that he had taken a dram. ~

The Session having good reason to believe that nothing would be gained by postponing the case for further testimony, proceeded to issue the case ~

Mr. Pharr was heard -- He confessed that under circumstances of provocation, he used the profane language charged to him & that he was & had been sorry for it; but denied that he was conscious of having been intoxicated.

After deliberating on the case - the Session resolved unanimously - that the evidence does not convict Mr. P. of intoxication - but that according to the testimony of Mr. Burns & his own confession, he is guilty of the second charge - viz. profane language. Resolved furthermore that inasmuch as Mr. P. confesses one item of the charge & professes & manifests penitance [sic] - inasmuch also as it is the first offence & Mr. P. was detained from our last communion on account of it: - that the case be dismissed, with a reprimand & caution given to Mr. P. by the Modr. in the presence of the Session: ~ which was done.

Whereas it has been reported to the Session by good authority that Common Fame charges Mr. Wm. Newell with having endeavored to practice a fraud, in offering sail [?]

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adulterated gold which he knew to be such, in the town of Charlotte during the last Aug.
Superior court for Meckg Co. -

Therefore Resolved that Mr. W. Newell be cited to meet this Session at this place
on Wed. the 15th Nov. at 10 oclk A.M. & answer to the above charge. -

Resolved also that Mr. Newell be informed that the following persons are
depended upon to substantiate the charge - viz. Messes Thos. Trotter, Wm. Elms, Wm.
Alexander, & Saml. A. Harris. -

Resolved further that Messes. Penick & Query be a commission to take the
depositions of the above named witnesses in Charlotte on friday [sic] the 10th Nov. at 11
oclk. A.M. - & that Mr. Newell be apprised of this fact. -

Mr. Phifer was directed to cite Mr. Jas. Pharr to appear before the Session at 10
oclk 15th Nov. & give a satisfactory reason for his failing to obey the citation for to day -
or abide the consequences. ~ Adjourned to meet here Nov. 15th at 10 oclk. A.M.. ~

Closed with prayer -

Danl. A. Penick - clk.

Note - Nov. 5th 1837 - Members of Session being all together except Mr. Morrison -

Ordered that Mr. David Miller & his wife be dismissed agreeably [sic] to their
request by letter - to Prospect Church Iredell Co. - See file --

Note - Nov. 15. Members of Session being all present except Mr. Davis - ordered that
Mr. Robert N. Davis be dismissed at his own request by letter, to church at D.
College. See file ~

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Meeting of Session R. River church

No. 20.

Nov. 15th 1837

Session met at 10 oclck. agreeably to adjournment - All the members present except Mr. Davis - Constituted with prayer.

Session resolved, (Mr. W. Newell being present) to take up Mr. Newell's case. ~

The commission appointed to take the depositions of certain witnesses in Charlotte reported: Their report was adopted by the Session as evidence in the case, & is as follows - viz. ~

"The Committee appointed to take the depositions of Messrs. Trotter, Alexander, Elms, & Harris in the town of Charlotte -

Met in the counting room of Morrison & Harris [?] on friday [sic] Nov. 10th at 11 oclck a.m., & took evidence of the above named persons, on oath, as follows - viz. ~

Mr. Thos. Trotter stated that during August Superior Court, Mr. W. Newell called on him to flux some gold. He made ready, & asked Mr. N. for the gold. Mr. N. declined giving it to him & took the crucible [sic], turned his back & put the gold into the crucible himself: - Which circumstances excited his suspicions. When Mr. N. handed back the crucible to him, he shook it, & saw what he supposed to be a price of a brass watch seal. He challenged it; - saying to Mr. N. there is brass in this gold. Mr. N. replied - if you do not wish to purchased it - no matter - I ask you to flux it. Mr. N. asked Mr. T. - when I turned my back, did I not turn towards the door for light? Ans. yes.

Question by Mr. Penick - What time of was it?

Ans. - getting late - not quite sun down. ~

Mr. W.W. Elms stated that Mr. W. Newell during the Aug. Superior court, offered to sell him some gold & asked one dollar per pennyweight & for it. He replied that he had

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a way of testing gold & if it was worth that, he would give it. Mr. Elms said - he tested the gold & found it to be worth about seventy three cents per penwt. ~

Ques. by Mr. Newell - did I not first request you to test the gold? Ans. I do not recollect that. -

Mr. W. Alexander stated that Mr. W. Newell called on him during Aug. Superior court, & asked him what he was giving for gold. Mr. A. told him that for Reid's gold, he would one dollar per penwt. Mr. Newell said that his was branch gold. Mr. A. replied that he would give the same for branch gold - fluxed. Mr. Newell left the room, & in a short time returned, & threw a bar of gold on the counter & said that he had had it fluxed. Mr. A. looked at it, disliked its appearance, thought that he had bid too much for it, & asked Mr. N. why the gold looked so? - Said to Mr. N. - he was unwilling to bid for it then - that Mr. Irvin could test it, & that he (Mr. A.) was willing to give as much as any other person would give for it.

Mr. S.A. Harris stated that Mr. W. Newell called on him one evening during Aug. Superior court, & asked him if he bought gold? Mr. H. answered yes - & asked Mr. N. from what mine was his gold? Mr. N. replied from Reid's mine & the neighborhood. Mr. N. offered to sell him the gold at one dollar per penwt., & said, he would take nothing less. Mr. H. saw him next morning & asked him if he had sold his gold? Mr. N. said, he had not. Mr. H. asked Mr. N. to let him see it. When he saw it, he thought it not worth as much as one dollar per penwt., & went to Mr. Elms to have it tested, brought it back & handed it to Mr. Newell. Mr. Newell then observed that he was not anxious to sell it.

Danl. A. Penick

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James Query

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The charge as profered [sic] by Common Fame, & then the testimony were read.
Mr. Newell was heard in defence. ~ After deliberating one the case; the Session resolved
unanimously that in their opinion, the charge is sustained by the testimony. ~
Note - Mr. Newell acknowleged [sic] that he had put in two pieces of Jeweler's gold - viz.
a slide & part of a ring of a watch chain - weighing two penwt. & a half. ~
Resolved that the further consideration of the case be postponed untill [sic] next Sabbath
morning at 11 oclck A.M. - Mr. Newell was present at this decission [sic]. ~ Adjourned till
Sabbath Morning, 11. oclck. A.M. - Concluded with prayer. ~

Dan. A. Penick clk. ~

Meeting of Session

R. River church

No. 21

Nov. 19th 1837

Session met according to adjournment - All the members present - Constituted with
prayer. ~

Ordered that the following persons be dismissed at their own request - viz. Mr. Wily
Hudson & Mrs. Nancy & Mrs. Eliza Biggers - to Concord Church -

Session then took up the case of Mr. Newell, -- and after considerable consultation;
resolved to defer the further consideration of it untill [sic] thursday [sic] next at 10 oclck -
when it shall be issued. ~ Resolved also that Mr. Newell be informed of this decission
[sic], sited to attend. ~ Adjourned to meet Nov. 23. 10 oclck A.M. - & went in to
preaching.

Danl. A. Penick - clk

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Meeting of Session

R. River church

No. 22.

Nov. 23rd 1837

Session met according to adjournment - All the members present - Constituted with prayer. ~ Mr. W. Newell being present, - Session resolved to take up & issue his case. After considerable conversation with him, the evidence in the case was read again, & then the vote was taken: - when it was unanimously resolved that William Newell be, & that he hereby is, suspended from the privileges [sic] of the church untill [sic] he shall give satisfactory evidence of repentance.

Resolved further that the above decission [sic] in the case of Mr. Newell be published to the congregation on next Sabbath morning. ~

A communication was received from Mr. Robert Kirkpatrick, which was admitted & ordered to be recorded & is as follows viz

- Charges against John C. Cochran - 1st for being in state of intoxication in Concord the 29th day of Sept. 1837, & 2. for using profane language at the same time & place.

Witnesses to prove the above charges ~ Samuel Irwin Sen., James H. Burns, Col. James White, L.C. Kirkpatrick, & Andrew M. Flinn. ~ Yours respectfully

Oct. 10th 1837

see file

R. Kirkpatrick -

Resolved that Mr. Kirkpatrick have leave to prosecute the above charges at this place on friday [sic] the 8th of December next at 10 ocl. a.m. ~

Resolved further that Mr. Kirkpatrick be informed of this decission [sic], that Mr. J.C. Cochran be furnished with a copy of the charges, & that he & the above named witnesses be cited to meet the Session, in order to issue the case, at the above specified time & place. ~

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Whereas Common Fame charges Sam, servt. of Columbus Spears, with the sin of lying; Therefore resolved that Sam be cited to meet the Session at this place on friday [sic] the 8th Decr. next, at 12. oclk. N. & answer to the above charges. Resolved also that Mr. Columbus Spears, together with Sarah & Jack servants of Mr. Wm. Andrew be cited to attend as witnesses in the case. ~

Mr. Phifer informed the Session that Moses, servt. of Mr. J. Russell, requests leave to prosecute Julia, servt. of the same, for telling lies. Mr. Phifer stated also that their master thought that the case ought to be investigated. Whereupon, Session resolved that the request of Moses be granted, & that both the parties & the following witnesses, viz. Peggy - servt of J. Phifer, & Jane - serv. Mrs. R. Pharr be cited to attend her on friday [sic], Decr. 8th. at 2 oclk. P.M. ~ Adjourned to meet at this place - Decr. 8th. at 10. oclk. A.M. ~

Concluded with prayer ~

Danl. A. Penick - clk. ~

Meeting of Session

R. River church

No. 23.

Decr. 8th 1837

Session met according to adjournment - All the members present - Constituted with prayer. ~

As neither the prosecutor nor the defendant in the case of J.C. Cochran was present - Session resolved that the parties & the witnesses be cited again to meet here on tuesday [sic] the 9th day of Jany. 1838 at 10 oclk. A.M. - that the case may be issued. ~ Messes J. White, L.C. Kirkpatrick, & A. Flinn, being present - were cited to attend accordingly. ~

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Session then proceeded to the case of Sam, Servt. of Columbus Spears - All the parties being present, except Jack, servt. of W. Andrew. ~

The charge was read. Mr. Penick stated that he had bought a few heads of cabbages from Sam - that Sam said he got them from his Mother - Sarah - & that his mother told him she had two or three hundred more to sell. Mr. P. wished to buy a number of cabbages, called on Mrs. Andrew & learned that her servt. Sarah had no cabbages & had raised none this year. Mr. P. saw Sam, in the presence of his Master, & Sam still said he got them from his Mother. Sam was to see his Mother, & learn where she got them. Sam called on Mr. P. that night & told him that he had seen his Mother & that she said she got them from Mr. Walls.

Sarah, Mother of Sam, & servt. of W. Andrew - testified that Sam had got no cabbages from her - that she had not told him that she had cabbages to sell - that she had not seen Sam after Mr. P. called on him - that she had not said that she got cabbages from Walls. ~

Mr. Spears testified substantially to the same that Mr. P. did - and said that Sam had told a number of lies, & that he was in the habit of lying. Sam then acknowliged [sic] that he was guilty of the charges. ~

Whereupon, the Session resolved unanimously that Sam is guilty of the charge, & that he be suspended from the privileges [sic] of the church untill [sic] he shall gives satisfactory evidence of repentance. ~

Ordered that the congregation be informed of this decission [sic]. ~

The parties being present - Resolved that we proceed to the case of Julia - Moses the prosecutor - both servants of Mr. J. Russell. ~

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The charge was read. Julia insisted on her innocence. Moses said J. lied in saying at Mr. R. on a certain night that her mistress had sent a letter to Mr. Phifer about the misconduct of Isreal - Julia denied having said so. Peggy - servt. of Mr. Phifer - testified to the same.

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Moses charged J. with lying in denying that she said on the same night that he had made too large a turn out of wheat on a small piece of ground. J. still said she had never said any thing about the wheat. - Jane, testified that she heard Julia say that Jack had not made a larger turn out of cotton from a small piece of ground than Moses had of wheat. ~ Mr. Russell - the Master of them both was asked respecting the character & deportment of them. He stated that he had entire confidence in the honesty & veracity of Moses - that Julia had a bad temper - that she was much given to lying - & that she had treated Moses very badly - & that both of them were cherishing unchristian feelings towards each other. ~ After deliberating on the subject - Session resolved that Julia is guilty of the charge profered [sic], & that she be suspended from the privileges [sic] of the church untill [sic] she shall give satisfactory evidence of repentance -

Ordered that this decission [sic] be made known to the congregation on Sab. morning. ~

Ordered also - that Moses be admonished, in the presence of the Session, against indulging an unchristian spirit or course of conduct towards Julia, & also against absenting himself from the ordinances of the church. - which was done. ~ Adjourned to meet here on tuesday [sic], 9th Jany. 1838 - at 10. oclk. a.m. ~

Concluded with prayer.

Danl. A. Penick - clk. ~

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Meeting of Session

R. River church

No. 24

Jany. 9th 1838

Session met according to adjournment - All the members present - Constituted with prayer. ~

Mr. J.C. Cochran with his witnesses & most of the witnesses of the prosecutor being present, Session resolved to proceed in the case of Mr. Cochran. ~

The charges, as preferred by Mr. Kirkpatrick, were read.

The following witnesses were severally introduced, & sworn, who testified as follows -viz- J.H. Burns saw Mr. C. at Concord in the eve. of the specified day - but saw no evidence of intoxication, & heard no profane language. ~

A. Flinn saw Mr. C. on the same day in Spear's Tavern, saw him take one dram, thought from his talking too freely that he had drunk too much, & heard Mr. C. use the following language respecting a pocket-book which he had lost - "I'll be damned if I care." -

Ques. by Mr. C. Are you certain that you heard me use that language? Ans. Yes. -

Did you consider me drunk? Ans. A little out of the way. -

Did you see me misbehave? Ans. No. -

H. Alexander, (who had been cited by order of the Session at the instance of the prosecutor, & of which fact Mr. C. had been duly informed,) left Concord the same day, riding just behind Mr. C. & judged him to be intoxicated by his riding very fast & talking very loud - but had no other evidence of it & heard no profane language. ~

L.C. Kirkpatrick saw Mr. C. on the same day, had a few minutes conversation with him, had the impression from Mr. C. appearance of countenance that he was under the influence of ardent spirits - but saw nothing inconsistent with christian [sic] character. -

The following were introduced by Mr. C. -

J.M.. Black saw Mr. C. in the eve of the same day, thought him a little toutched [sic] with

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liquor from his talking very freely, but saw no improper conduct & heard no improper language.

Wm. N. Alexander saw Mr. C. several times on the same day & talked with him - Saw no evidence of intoxication & heard no profane language. -

P. [?] C. Caldwell saw Mr. C. a quarter of an hour before they left town together, rode with him to Squire Alexander's, dined with him - saw no evidence of intoxication, & heard no profane language. -

L. Parks saw Mr. C. at three different times during the same day - but saw nothing the matter with at any time. -

Jas. Harris saw Mr. C. repeatedly on the same day but saw & heard nothing amiss. -

J. [?] N. McClain testified about the same. -

The testimony present being gone through, the Session resolved that, inasmuch as two of the witnesses of the prosecutor - viz. Col. Jas. White, & Mr. S. Irwin sen [sic]. are absent, the further consideration of the case be postponed till Saturday the 20th inst. at 10. o'clock A.M. - & that Col. J. White, S. Irwin sen [sic]. - & R. L. [?] Archibald (by request of Mr. C.) be cited to attend. -

Adjourned to meet here at 10. o'clock. A.M. on Sat. 20th Jany 1838 - Concluded with prayer.

Danl. A. Penick clk.

Meeting of Session

R. River church

No. 25.

Jany. 20th 1838

Session met according to adjournment - All the members present, except Mr. Phifer -

Constituted with prayer. The case of Mr. J.C. Cochran was resumed. The charges were

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read. The following witnesses, after being sworn, were examined, when they testified as follows viz. ~

Mr. Saml. Irwin Sen. - stated that he saw Mr. C. at Concord on the specified - riding a wild horse into town from the muster-field, & that he was with him for a short time in Spears' Tav./ when he discovered that he had lost his pocket book: He thought Mr. C. had taken a dram, but did not consider him intoxicated, nor did he hear any profane language. ~

Col. Jas. White stated that he saw Mr. C. in town frequently on the day specified - that after the parade, he sat & chatted with him for some time in Mr. Liley's [?] porch - that from the rapidity & __uness [?] of Mr. C. in conversation as well as from the looks of his face, he thought that Mr. C. had a _arm [?] a head. He heard no bad language from Mr. C., nor did he see him misbehave; - but he thought Mr. C. had drunk a little too much.

The testimony present being gone thro. & Mr. C. having expressed a willingness to waive his absent witness - Mr. Archibald; - The whole of the evidence which had been taken was read - Mr. C. was fully heard: & after the Session had deliberated & consulted on the case, it was unanimously resolved (except Mr. Davis who was excused from voting) that the second charge is not sustained - being supported by only one witness; & that altho. the first charge is not fully established: - yet, it is so far sustained by the testimony of Messes Flinn, Kirkpatrick, Black, S. Irvin, & Col. White as to render Mr. Cochran deserving of a friendly reprimand & a strong caution - for so using ardent spirits as to expose himself, as a christian [sic], to such suspicions. The Bible enjoins to avoid all appearance of evil. -

The above required reprimand & caution were given. ~ The Session then adjourned - Concluded with prayer.

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from March 6th 1837 to March 6th 1838.

Communicant -

Total in Communion per last report: 539

Members since added on examination: 24

Members since added on certificate: 4

Died: 4

Dismissed: 30

Suspended: 4

Total now in Communion: 529

Baptisms since last report -

Adults: 10

Infants: 59

Total: 69

Collections since last report -

For Missions: 149.25

For commissioners Fund: 15.

For Presbytery: 192.

For Theol. Seminary: 50.

For Education of poor & pious youth: 75.

Total: 481.25

Dated March 20th 1838.

Signed ~ Danl. A. Penick - Modr. & clk.

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Note - The discrepancy [sic] in the statisticks [sic] of these reports is the unavoidable result of having no accurate list of members received in past years. ~

Note - April 2. 1838. Members of Session all present - ordered that Messrs. Thos. D. Houston, & Wm. S. [?] Harris be dismissed to the College church, & that Mr. A.B. White & his wife be dismissed to Concord church.

Meeting of Session

April 12, 1838

No. 26.

At R. River church

Session met at the call of the Modr. - All the members present, except Mr. Black. ~ Constituted with prayer. ~ Whereas Common Fame charges Miss Teressa Strube with the sin of fornication, in having been delivered of an illegitimate [sic] child - much to the reproach of religion; ~ Therefore resolved unanimously that she be cited to meet this Session at the meeting house on Wednesday the 25th inst. at 2 1/2 oclk. P.M. - to answer to the above charge.

Resolved further that Mrs. Fanny Alexander & Mrs. Joseph Flinn be cited as witnesses to prove the charge. ~ Adjourned -

Concluded with prayer ~

Danl. A. Penick - clk.

Meeting of Session

Rocky River Church

No. 27.

April 25th 1838

Session met according to adjournment - All present except Mr. Phifer - Constituted with prayer. Miss Teressa Strube & the witnesses being present, Session proceeded to take up her case. The Charge, as preferred [sic] by Common Fame, was read, & the defendant

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acknowledged that she was guilty of it, upon inquiry, she also professed to be sorry for suffering herself to be seduced into such a sin. ~

After due consideration, the Session, being of opinion that more than mere profession of repentance for so gross an offence was necessary, & that time should be allowed to prove the sincerity of such profession; - Resolved unanimously that Teressa Strube be suspended from the privileges [sic] of the church untill [sic] she shall give satisfactory evidence of repentance. ~ Ordered that the above suspension be published to the congregation on Sabbath next. ~ Adjourned. Concluded with prayer. ~

Danl. A. Penick - clk.

Meeting of Session

At the Meeting House

No. 28.

May 3rd 1838.

Session met at the call of the Modr. - All the members present - Constituted with prayer.

The following persons, upon application, after a careful examination on experimental religion, were received into full communion - viz. - Miss Luiza Phifer, & Mr. Jas.

Andrews, Keziah - servant of D.A. Penick, & Delia - servant of Benton Burns. ~

Adjourned untill [sic] tomorrow - Concluded with prayer. ~ Danl. A. Penick - clk.

Meeting of Session

R. River church

No. 29. -

May 4th 1838.

Session met according to adjournment - Members all present - Constituted with prayer. ~

The following persons applying for church privileges [sic], were severally & seperately [sic] examined as to their knowledge & experimental religion, & received or put off as follows ~ viz. ~

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Miss Teresa White - received

“ Dorcas H. Cochran - “

“ Jane M. Neeley - “

Miss Margt. M. Morrison - “

“ Margt. A. Wilson -

“ Ceney McClelland - put off

“ Mary M. Wilson - “ “

Mr. Geo. L. Morrison - received

“ Jas. L. Query - “

“ Saml. Z. Johnston - put off

Mrs. Nancy C. Johnston - “ “

Mr. Saml. Kimmons - received

Miss Mary E. Harris - “

Caroline - Servt. of Martha Alexander - received

Eliza - “ Clark Cochran - “

Fanny - “ Saml. Pharr - “

Phillis - “ Henry Pharr - “

Harry - “ Franklin Stafford - “

Frank - “ Col. D. White - put off

Limas - “ P.R. McEachern - “ “

Dinah - “ Jos. Pharr - “ “

Amos - “ John Davis - “ “

Joe - “ Andrew Davis - “ “

Elijah - “ Thos. White - “ “

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Mr. John Gingles applied for a certificate of dismission to poplar Tent. Ordered that his request be granted, & that the clk. furnish the certificate. ~

Adjourned - Concluded with prayer.

Danl. A. Penick - clk.

Note - on Sab. May 6th - The sacraments of Baptism & the Lord's supper were both administered - Messrs. J. Rankin & E. J. Morrison assisting.

~~ Note - Sept. 2. Dr. McPheters, agent for Domestic Missions - collected about \$42.

Meeting of Session

R. River church

No. 30 -

Sept. 14th 1838

Session met at the call of the Modr. - All the members present - Constituted with prayer.

The following persons, upon application, were examined on experimental religion & received into full communion ~ viz. ~

Mr. Robert E. Morrison

“ Johnathan D. Smith

Miss Ceney McClelland

Mr. Saml. Z. Johnston

Mrs. Nancy C. Johnston

Miss Mary Wilson

Mrs. Mary Alexander

Miss Harriet Hill

Frank - servt. Col. D. White

Dinah - “ Mrs. R. Pharr

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The following applicants were put off - viz. -

Pleasant - servt. Jas. Hagler

Amos - " John Davis

Bob - " John Phifer

Joe - " Andrew Davis

Ordered that Mr. Wm. H., Moore be dismissed, according to his request, to join the church at D. College. ~ The certificate was furnished. ~

Certain papers were presented to Session, purporting to be charges - the one against John Morrison - Elder & his son Robert Morrison, for swearing falsely, & the other against Jos. McClelland for perjury. (See files.) The papers here refered [sic] to, giving a long list of witnesses, was signed by John W. Means.

After considerable deliberation & consultation, the Session Resolved unanimously that Mr. Means be informed that he cannot be permitted to prosecute the above mentioned charges before this Session - for the following reasons - viz. 1. Mr. Means is not a member of the christian [sic] church, & therefore he is neither amenable to its discipline, nor entitled to its privileges [sic] ~ 2. He has not complied with the directions of our Savior given in the 18th chapter of Matthew & expressly enjoined in the 2nd chapter of our Book of Discipline ~ & 3. Mr. Means is known to indulge a malignant spirit towards the persons charged. ~ Mr. John Morrison expressed a wish that the charge, in his case, might be investigated. ~ The further consideration of the matter was postponed for the present. ~ The Session then adjourned & repaired into the meeting house to attend upon public worship. ~

Danl. A. Penick - clk. ~

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Note -

Sab. Sept. 16. - The Sacrament of Baptism & the Lord's supper were administered

- Rev. Messrs. W. Williamson & J. Irwin assisting. ~

Examined & approved Oct 14th 1838

Jno. M.M. Caldwell Mod.

Note - Sabbath 28th Oct. - Dr. John Breckenrige, agent for the Genl. Assembly's Board of Foreign Missions, preached for us & took up a subscription, amounting to \$200. ~

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Of the Presbyterian Church of Rocky River
from March 1st 1838 to March 1st 1839 --

Communicants -

Total in Communion per last report: 529

Members since added on examination: 28

Members since added on certificate: 00

Died: 11

Dismissed: 10

Suspended: 1

Total now in Communion: 535

Baptisms since the last report -

Adults: 11

Infants: 37

Total: 50

Collections since the last report -

For Missions: 200.00

For commissioners Funds: 8.00

For Presbytery: 206.50

For Theological Seminary: 50.00

For Education of poor & pious youth: 49.00

Dated march 8th 1839

Signed - Danl. A. Penick - Modr.

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Notes - March 10th 1837 - Dismissed by order of Session, Mr. Silas Caldwell & Mrs. Matilda Caldwell to join Sugar Creek church. ~ D.A.P. - Clk. -

Meeting of Session R. River church

No. 31 April 14th 1839

Session met at the call of the Modr. - all present except Mr. J. Morrison. Constituted with prayer. The following persons applied for church privilidges [sic] - were carefully examined &

Mr. David Bradshaw - restored from an old suspension

“ Archibald White - do “ “ “ do

Miss Mary N. Kimmons - received into full communion

Adjourned into the House to engage in public worship - to meet on next Sabbath in intermission. ~

Danl. A. Penick - clk -

Meeting of Session

R. River Session House

No. 32

April 21 st 1839

Session met according to its adjournment - present as above. Constituted with prayer. - The following persons having sustained a satisfactory examination on experimental religion, were received into full communion - viz --

Miss Emeline Johnston

“ Sarah A. W. Means

“ Mary V. Means ~

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Adjourned into the house for publick [sic] worship - to meet again on next Wednesday at
12 oclk. N. - Danl. A. Penick - clk.

Meeting of Session

R. River Session House

No. 33

April 24th 1839

Session met according to adjournment - present as above, except also Mr. Davis absent. --
Constituted with prayer. The following persons upon examination were admitted to full
priviliges [sic] viz. --

Miss Jane S. Hedley

Harriet - Servt. of R.W. Harris

Joe - “ “ A. Davis

Limas - “ “ P.R. McEachern

Amos - “ “ J. Davis

Adjourned to meet on friday [sic] at interval - concluded with prayer. ~ Danl. A. Penick
- clk.

Meeting of Session

R.R. Session House

No. 34

April 26th 1839

Session met according adjournment - the Modr. & Messrs. Query & Black present -
Constituted with prayer. Mr. Robert W. White appeared as a candidate for admission,
was examined & received. --

Session had a recess to meet at the call of the Modr. ~

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After recess - members all present except Messrs. Morrison & Davis. Mr. David J. Newell & Maria - Servt. of Miss Rachel Wilson were examined & received. Adjourned - concluded with prayer. ~

Danl. A. Penick - clk.

Meeting of Session

R. River Session House

No. 35

July 29th 1839

Session met at the call of the Moderator. All the members were present. Constituted with prayer. ~

After considerable consultation & deliberation, the following minute was ordered to be recorded - viz -

Whereas Common Fame charges Mr. James H. Burns -

1. With having deceived & injured creditors by making false promises to them, & by removing his property beyond their reach: -
2. with having deceived also an individual who had become his surety by a false promise - to whom he afterwards declared that he could, but that he would not pay the debt: - &
3. With trafficking [sic] in ardent spirits, as an ordinary business, after having once signed the Temperance pledge, in a manner all-together unbecoming a christian [sic]: -

Whereas both the christian [sic] character of Mr. Burns, & the cause of religion are seriously injured by the existence & circulation of such reumors [sic]: -

Whereas moreover we have endeavored both by letter & personal interview to remedy the evils above specified in a private manner, but received in return on insubordinate & an unchristian reply:

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Therefore resolved unanimously - except Mr. Morrison, who had been excused from voting , at his own request ~

1. That it is the duty of this Session Juditially [sic] to investigate the above charges, as prefered [sic] by Common Fame ~
2. That the Said J.H. Burns be accordingly cited to meet this Session, at this place on the 18th day of Oct. next at 10 oclock [sic] A.M. to answer to Said charges -- &
3. That Messrs. C. Phifer, Thos. G. Martin, Col. J.A. Alexander, J. Russell, & James Flinn, be cited to attend at the same time & place, as witnesses in the case; & also that Mr. Burns be duly informed both of the charges & witnesses. ~

Adjourned to meet at this place on the 18 day of Oct. at 10 oclck A.M. ~

Concluded with prayer.

Danl. A. Penick - clk.

Meeting of Session

R. River Session House

No. 36

Sept. 4th 1839

Session met at the call of the Modr. - all the members present - Constituted with prayer.

The following persons applied for admission to church membership, were examined, & received - viz. Miss Harriet C. Purviance

“ Jane J. Query

“ Sarah M. Scott

Mr. Wm. A. Sosserman

“ Alexander H. Scott

Harriet - Servt. of Col. D. White

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After which Session adjourned to meet at the same place on friday [sic] next - Concluded
with prayer. ~ Danl. A. Penick - clk.

Meeting of Session

R. R. church

No. 37

Sept. 6th 1839

Session met according to adjournment - Members all present. Constituted with prayer.

The following candidates were examined & received into full communion - viz. -

Mrs. Nancy Martin

George - Servt. Mrs. Polly Harris

Eliza - “ Mr. John Phifer

Miss Margaret Neley

“ Elizabeth A. Neley

Silas - Servt. Mrs. Jane White

Mr. Saml. A. Harris applied for a certificate of dismission to join the church in Charlotte.

Whereupon he was dismissed, & it was ordered that his certificate be furnished. ~

Adjourned - concluded with prayer

Danl. A. Penick - clk.

Note - on Sabbath. Sep. 8th - The Lord's Supper was administered. Dr. Robinson &
Mesrs [sic]. J.M.M. Caldwell, & A. Johnston assisting. There was manifest & encouraging
[sic] solimnity [sic]. ~ On Monday, \$27.61 were collected for Domestic Missions.

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Angus Johnson Mod.

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Meeting of Session

R.R. Church

No. 38

Oct. 18th 1839

Session met according to appointment - present, Rev. D.A. Penick - Mod. - with Messrs. A. Davis, J. Query, & J.M. Black - Constituted with prayer.

After waiting an hour or more, & Mr. J.H. Burns, whose trial was set for this day, failed to appear ~ Resolved that the case be continued, & that the said J.H. Burns, & the witnesses, as before, be cited to meet the Session at this place on thursday [sic] the 12th day of Decr. next - at 10 - ocl. A.M. - that the case may be then finally adjudicated. -

The following minute was ordered to be recorded - viz. Whereas Common Fame charges Phillis - servt. of Mr. H. Pharr - with having violated the 7th Com. - inasmuch she has given birth to a child - being unmarried: - Therefore Resolved that she be cited to meet this Session on the above named day at 12 ocl. A. & answer to the above charge. ~ Ordered that Mr. H. Pharr, & his wife, Mrs. Polly Pharr be cited to attend as witnesses in the case. ~

Adjourned - to meet at the same place on thursday [sic] 12th of Decr. 1839 - at 10 ocl. A.M. ~ Concluded with prayer ~

Daniel A. Penick - clk -

Note - The 2nd Sab. of Decr. - the Semicentenary was observed as a day Thanksgiving & prayer - an appropriate sermon was delivered - about \$85.00 were subscribed for the Board of publication.

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Meeting of Session

R.R. church

No. 39

Decr. 12th 1839 -

Session met agreeably to adjournment - members all present, except Mr. Query -
Constituted with prayer.

Mrs. M.M. Means made application by a letter for a certificate of dismissal -
Whereupon Resolved that in as much as Mrs. Means is believed to be in a state of
derangement, she is not entitled, at present, to a certificate of fair standing. ~

The case of Phillis was taken up. She being interrogated, confessed her guilt of the
charge. After conversing with her for some time, Session resolved unanimously that she be
suspended from the privileges [sic] of the Church untill [sic] she gives satisfactory evidence
of repentance [sic], & that the sentence be published at some suitable time. ~

Whereas Mr. Jas. H. Burns has not appeared, & whereas Session has no evidence
that their first citation was received, therefore resolved that the case be continued, & that
he be cited to meet this Session at this place on wed. 5th Feby. 1840 at 10 ocl. a.m. &
answer to the charges before specified - that he be distinctly informed that altho, he may
fail to attend, the case will be issued as the Book of Dis. directs, & that the aforesaid
witnesses in the case be cited also. ~

Whereas General Rumor charges Mr. John Russell with highly improper - if not
unlawful intercourse with Mrs. M.M. Means - Whereas also said rumor is very general,
gaining ground, & exceedingly injurious both to the cause of religion & the christian [sic]
character of Mr. Russell ~

Therefore Resolved that it is the duty of this Session to investigate the case - both for the
honor of the church of Christ & the good standing of Mr. Russell. ~

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Whereupon Resolved that Mr. John Russell be cited to meet this Session at this place & answer to the charge above specified as preferred by Common Fame, on Wed. 15th Jany. 1840 - at 10 oclk. A.M. ~

Resolved that the following persons be cited to attend at the same time & place as witnesses in the case - viz. Messrs Robert R. Brown, Col. W.A. Weddington, John Phifer, Sandy McKinley, & Saml. Irwin.

Resolved also that Mr. J.M. Black procure, if practical, the original letter which it is said Mr. Russell wrote to Mrs. Means - to be used as evidence in the case. ~

Adjourned to meet at this place on the 15 Jany. 1840 at 10 oclk. A.M. -
Concluded with prayer -

Danl. A. Penick - clk.

Meeting of Session	Rocky River
No. 40	Jany. 15th 1840

Session met according to adjournment - Members all present - Constituted with prayer. ~
Session determined to take up & proceed with the case of Mr. John Russell.

It was ascertained that the citations had all been served. Mr. Phifer reported a satisfactory reason of Mr. S. Irwin's absence.

Mr. Russell professed to be ready for trial. ~ The charge was read.

The original & offensive letter which Mr. Russell wrote to Mrs. Means was read, as evidence. Mr. Russell acknowledged that he had written it.

The following witnesses were sworn, examined, & they testified as follows - viz. ~

Mr. Robt. R. Brown stated that Mr. Russell had made the following communication to him - viz. that while Mrs. Means was at his house, one morning, he (Russell) & Mrs.

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Means arose before day - as he was in the habit of doing- After a fire was made, Mrs. Means came & sat on his knee - He (Russell) said he was astonished & said to Mrs. Means - you had better resume your own seat, Mrs. Russell may see you. In the course of one or two mornings, both were up again before day & the fire. Mrs. Means took her seat on his knee as before - throwing her arm around his neck; where he (Russell) said to her - do you wish to go any farther? She (Mrs. Means) appeared to abhor the very thought & said, No - you have a wife, & we are both members of the church - that she only wished to appear friendly.

Col. Wm. A. Weddington stated that he was in the counting-room of Mr. Russell's store, during Oct. Court - Russell asked him if he had seen the letter which report said he (R.) had written to Mrs. Means. Weddington answered - No. Mr. Russell stated that he was not guilty to the intent that report said.

Russell further stated that it was customary for him & Mrs. Means, who was living at his house to rise early - about 5 oclck a.m. - that one morning he (R.) was reading at the opposite side of the fire place, Mrs. Means came - feeling on the mantle-board - & placed herself on his lap - he (R.) said, Madam, you had better take your seat - Mrs. Russell may notice you.

Some morning a short time after, Mr. Russell & Mrs. Means were up as usual - Mr. Russell was reading - Mrs. Means swept the hearth, - when she came to his (Russell's) side, she threw herself into his lap, & her arm around his neck. Mr. Russell said "Then was the time I did wrong - I have been sorry for it a thousand time." Mr. Russell asked Mrs. Means if she would be willing to carry it farther if a favorable opportunity occured [sic]. He further said Mr. Means appeared to abhor the very idea of any such thing. He then asked her what she meant by her conduct - she replied she wished

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to show him respect for his kindness. ~~~~ Ques. by Mr. Russell - Did I not tell you that, when I asked Mrs. Means if she would be willing to go farther, she said - No, we are both members of the church? ~ Answer. I do not possitively [sic] recollect.

Ques. by the same - Did I not tell you that I had requested Mrs. Russell, a short time after the 2nd morning interview with Mrs. Means to tell Mrs. Means to leave my house? Ans. Yes. ~

Mr. Sandy McKindly stated that Mr. Russell had acknowledged to him in Concord ~ Mr. McKindly's testimony was almost precisely the same as Col. Weddington's - including the answers to the same questions.

Mr. John Phifer stated that he was riding with Mr. Russell to Concord on thursday [sic] of Oct. Court - Mr. Phifer's testimony was substantially the same as that of the preceding witnesses - except that Mr. Russell said to him, that he had asked Mrs. Means whether she would be willing to go further if he wished her, for the purpose of trying her charity, & that he was sorry for asking the question in a moment & had been a thousand times since, & that that was what he alluded to in the letter to Mrs. Means - and also that he had told Mrs. Means that she must leave his house.

The testimony being gone through; it was all read over. The letter to Mrs. Means was also read again.

Mr. Russell was then informed that the opportunity was offered either to confess his guilt or defend himself against the charge.

Mr. Russell stated that the witnesses had testified correctly - that he was guilty of the first part, in thought & word, tho not in act. Mr. Russell retired. ~

After much deliberation & consultation, Session resolved unanimously that, notwithstanding Mr. Russell's confession of guilt & apparent penitence, - in view of the

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aggravating circumstances of the case, Mrs. Means' situation - her being entrusted to his care - & it occurring [sic] in his own house, in view also of the deep injury inflicted on the church, & some expressions in the offensive letters; Mr. Russell ought to be, & that he be suspended from the privileges of the church untill [sic] he give satisfactory evidence of repentance.

Adjourned to meet at this place on Wed. the 5th of Feby. next at 10 oclck. A.M. -

Concluded with prayer. ~~~

Danl. A. Penick - Moderator

Note - Previous to adjournment - Mr. Russell was called in & informed of the decision [sic]. He _____ [?] to _____ [?] & promised submission & reformation.

Note - Jany. 18. 1840. The Suspension of Mr. Russell, & of Phillis, servt. of Mr. H. Pharr, was published to the congregation.

Meeting of Session

R.R. church

No. 41.

Feby. 5. 1840

Session met according to adjournment - Present Rev. D.A. Penick & Messrs. J. Phifer, & J.M. Black. Constituted with prayer. ~~~

Resolved that the case of Mr. J.H. Burns be taken up. After enquiry [sic], the Session was satisfied that the citations had been served. ~~~

In compliance [sic] with chap. 4. & sec. 13. of book of discipline, Mr. R. Kirkpatrick was appointed to manage the defense of the defendant who has failed to attend.

The following witnesses, having been sworn, were examined; and they testified as follows - viz.

Mr. Caleb Phifer - stated that during several years previous to Mr. J.H. Burns' leaving the county, he repeatedly promised to settle his store account with our firm but failed to do so: that on the day he left for Camden, (being at the court house,) we gave him a note which he promised to get his brother Benton to sign with himself; or, without fail to leave other notes enough to pay our claim - Both which he failed to do. ~~~ Ques. by Mr. Kirkpatrick - Did Mr. B., previous to his departure, pay any part of the debt? Ans. Yes. ~

Ques. by the same - What was the general character of Mr. B. for honesty among his neighbors? Ans. Good.

Mr. Thos. G. Martin - stated that Mr. Burns was indebted to him - that he promised positively [sic] several times before he left the county that he would pay him before he left, which he failed to do - "He deceived me very much." ~

Ques.. by Mr. K. - Do you believe that Mr. B. failed to pay from dishonest intentions or from inability? Ans. - from inability.

Ques. by the same - What was Mr. B's character as to honesty among his neighbors? Ans.. Good. ~

Ques. by Mr. J. Phifer - Do you know whether Mr. B. took any property with him out of the state? Ans. Yes - he took several horses. ~

Ques. by Mr. K. - Did his creditors afterwards receive any portion of those horses? Ans. Yes - a large portion. ~

Col. Alphonzo Alexander - stated that he had become Mr. Burns surety in a note of \$300. - that he was sick about the time Mr. B. went away & sent for him - that he asked Mr. B. if he had lifted Garmon's note: - Mr. Burns said he had not - "but make yourself perfectly easy on that account - I have made arrangements to settle my business. -

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I will lift it before I leave. But he did not lift it - for I was afterwards due upon it: - In Jany. following, he pledged his word to me that he would come to Cabarrus insuing court & pay my debt & all his debts, - which he failed to do. -

In April I was in Camden - called on Mr. B., & asked him if he could settle his note - He paused - shook his head - &, after a little, said - I can pay it, but I will not."

To the question to character - for honesty - Ans. as before.

Ques. by Modr. - What do you know of Mr. B's trafficking [sic] in ardent spirits?

Ans. Both times, I was in Camden in 1839, I saw him drawing & selling ardent spirits in small quantities to people who were drinking it." ~

Capt. J. Russell - stated that he had seen Mr. B. selling ardent spirits to whites & blacks, by day & night, & in small quantities - to people who were drinking in his house. The testimony being taken, & there being but two elders present, the case was postponed for final adjudication till Monday the 17th inst. at 10 oclk. a.m. --

Adjourned - concluded with prayer --

Danl. A. Penick - clk.

Meeting of Session

R.R. church

No. 42.

Feby. 17th 1840

Session met according to adjournment - All the members present - Constituted with prayer. The minutes of the last meeting were read. Mr. Samuel Flinn, being present, was introduced, & having rendered a satisfactory reason for his absence from the last meeting, was sworn. He testified that he had lived with Mr. Burns some six or seven months after he arrived in Camden, & that Mr. B. Sold ardent spirits, as a part of his business. --

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Ques. by Mr. K. - Do you know whether Mr. B. was a member of the Temperance Society or not? Ans. I heard Mr. B. say before he left the county, that he had withdrawn his name.

Ques. by the same - Do you know whether Mr. B. has ceased to sell ardent spirits? Ans. I was in Camden in Sept. last - I saw him sell none, & he told me that he had quit it.

Ques. by the same - Did Mr. B. use every effort in his power to dispose of his horses before he left the county, for the benefit of his creditors? -- Ans. - He exposed them to publick auction on the day of his sale, & also at Concord the day before he left - but could not sell to any advantage. ~

Ques. by Mr. J. Phifer - Do you know whether Mr. B. had any money deposited in bank in Camden? Ans. I do not know. --

Mr. Kirkpatrick requested, in behalf of Mr. Burns, for reasons which he promised in due time to reduce to writing, that the case might be referred to Presbytery for further trial & final adjudication. --

Whereupon Resolved that, inasmuch as Mr. Burns has charged this Session, in a letter to the Modt., with an indisposition to do him justice, the case be, & it hereby is respectfully refered [sic] to the Rev. Presby. of Concord, which is to meet at Poplar Tent, on the 2nd Wednesday of March next, for further trial & final adjudication, agreeably to this request of the defendant. --

Ordered that the whole proceedings of the Session in this case, properly authenticated, be forwarded to Presbytery.

Adjourned -- Concluded with prayer. -- Danl. A. Penick - clk.

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Note - Feby. 21. Session being convened - Members all present - M: Edward Pitman & his wife Mrs. M.E. Pitman presented certificates of dismission & recommendation - from Philadelphia, ~ the latter from Hopewell churches, with request, to be received into this church. They were received & their names ordered to be recorded. --

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Annual Sessional Report
of the Presbyterian Church of Rocky River
from March 1st 1839 to March 1st 1840.

Communicants -

Total in Communion per last report: 535

Members since added on examination: 25

Members since added on certificate: 2

Died:

Dismissed: 15

Suspended: 2

Total now in Communion: 545

Baptisms since the last report -

Adults: 8

Infants: 38

Total: 46

Collections since the last report -

For Missions: 165.00

For Commissioners Funds: 8.00

For Presbytery: 51.00

For Theological Seminary:

For Education of poor & pious youth:

Sem. cenitenary [?]: 85.00

Dated March 9th 1840 - Signed Danl. A. Penick - Modr. -

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Meeting of Session

R. River

No. 43.

April 12th 1840

Session met at the call of the Moderator - Present Rev. D.A. Penick, with Messrs.
Morrison, Query, & Black - Constituted with prayer.

Jincy Caroline - Servt. of John Irvin, made application for membership. After
examination, she was received. -- Adjourned - Concluded with prayer. --

Danl. A. Penick. clk.

Note - April 12, 1840 - A subscription was taken in behalf of the Education cause -
amounting to \$36.12.

Meeting of Session

R. River

No. 44.

April 26 - 1840

Session met at the call of the Modr. - Members all present except Mr. A. Davis -
Constituted with prayer. Julia - Servt. of Mr. -- Nicholson, being under suspension,
applied to be restored. After some unsatisfactory conversation with her, she was directed
to call again on Wed. or friday [sic] next.

Jack - Servt. of Mr. W. Andrew, applied for membership. He was examined - & directed
to bring a note from his Master on Wed. or friday [sic] next.

Adjourned into the church for publick [sic] worship - to meet here on Wed. next at 10
oclk. A.M. ---

Danl. A. Penick - clk.

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Meeting of Session R. River

No. 45 April 29 - 1840

Session met according to adjournment -- The Modr. with Messrs Morrison & Black present. Constituted with prayer. Mr. Saml. J. Harris applied for membership. He was examined & received. Rosana - Servant of Mrs. C. Alexander was examined & put off. Adjourned to meet here on friday [sic] next - Concluded with prayer. Danl. A. Penick -clk.

Meeting of Session R. River

No. 46. -- May 1. 1840

Session met according to adjournment - Members all present except Mr. Davis - Constituted with prayer. The following candidates for church membership were examined & received - Viz. Mary Scott, Rachel, Servt. of Mr. Saml. Kimmons, Anthony, servt. of Mr. E. Stafford, Pleasant, servt. of Mr. J. Hagler, & Abram, servt. of Mrs. Martha Alexander. -- The following were examined & put off - viz. Jack - servt. of Mr. Wm. Andrew.

Resolved that it be recommended to the congregation to elect five additional elders, one for each quarter, & that it be done on Monday next. The Session then Adjourned into the church to engage in publick [sic] worship. ~

Danl. A. Penick - clk -

Note - May 1. 1840. The above recommendation was given to the congregation. ~

“ May 3. “ The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered - Messrs. Lockridge & Rankin assisting. ~

“ May 4. 1840 An election for elders was had, & the following chosen as follows-
viz - -

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Mr. Robert Caldwell --	111 votes
“ Walter F. Pharr --	98 “
“ John S. McClartey --	89 “
“ Alexander McClartey --	86 “
“ Joseph B. White	48 “

The election was conducted with entire good order & a christian [sic]

spirit. ~

Note - June 7th. Members of Session being all present except Mr. Phifer - Mrs. Martha M. Neely was received as a member of this church by a certificate from the Methodist Episcopal Church. --

Note - Aug. 27 - Member of the Session all being present - ordered that the following persons be cited to meet this Session at this place on Tues. the 8th of Sept. next at 10 ocl^k A.M. to testify in the case of Jas. H. Burns - according to order of Presbytery - viz. -- as requested by the defendant - Col. David White, Col. A. Alexander, Messrs. E.B. Burns, & Jas. Flinn - & by the Session Messrs. Jas. B. Pharr, & Thos. Martin. --

Meeting of Session

R. River

No. 47.

Sept. 8th 1840

Session met according to appointment -- Members all present - Constituted with prayer. --

Session proceeded to take evidence, under the appointment of Presby., in the case of Mr.

Jas. H. Burns. -- The following persons were sworn & examined - as cited by the Session:

Mr. Thos. Martin -

Ques. by Modr. - If you had known that Mr. Burns was about to leave the Co. so soon, would you have taken legal steps to secure your debt? Ans. - I certainly would. --

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Ques. by the same - did you feel that Mr. B. gave you the slip in his manner of leaving the Co.? Ans. I certainly did.

-- By the same - did Mr. B. bring or send the property, after he had left, to his creditors, or did they go to Camden for it? Ans. My son went to C. for it, & Mr. B. let him have a horse & groceries amounting to \$100.-- He has also made occasional payment in groceries since. --

Ques. by Mr. Kirkpatrick -- Did you not know sometimes previous to his going, that Mr. B was about to leave the Co.? Ans. Yes --

-- by the Same - Did you not assist Mr. B. in loading his wagon? Ans. Yes. --

-- by the Same - Was it not generally known that Mr. B. was about to move? Ans. Yes.

-- by the Same - Did you send your son expressly to Camden for your debt? Ans. No. --

-- by the same - Did you obtain the property by coercion, or did Mr. B. surrender it willingly? Ans. Willingly. --

Mr. Joseph O. Pharr

Ques. by Mr. Phifer - Did Mr. J.H. Burns go off indebted to you or your Mother? Ans. Yes - near \$200. --

-- By the Same - How did he become indebted to you? Ans. Part of it was money borrowed & part for cotton sold. --

-- By the Same - Was the cotton Sold to him? Ans. No. --

-- By the Same - How did the cotton debt accrue? Ans. - I engaged him to hall off the cotton - He started with it Jany. 1838 - I directed him to sell the cotton & send me the money by Capt. Russell. He sold it, but sent me no money. In June following he gave me his note for it.

Ques. by Modr. - Have you received no part of that debt? Ans. Yes - \$120. or 130. --

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By the Same - Had Mr. B. promised to pay you before he would leave the Co., & did he deceive you in the matter? Ans. Yes. --

By the Same - Did you pursue Mr. B. to Camden to secure your debt? Ans. Yes. -

By the Same - Did Mr. B. seem to meet your claim cheerfully? Ans. Yes - He surrendered four horses & told me to make my money out of them. -

Ques. by Mr. K. - What were the horses worth? Ans. I suppose, over \$200. --

By the same - did you not know some times previous to his going that Mr. B. intended to leave? Ans. Yes. -

By the same - Had you not sufficient time to secure your debt? Ans. Yes. --

By the same - What was Mr. B.'s general character as to honesty? Ans. Fair -

By Modr. - As you had time to secure your money, why did you not do it? Ans. I confided in his promise made to me the evening before he left & often before.

By Mr. K. - As Mr. B. surrendered to you property more than enough to satisfy your debt, why is a part of it still unpaid? Ans. I returned a part of the property & trusted him for the ballance [sic]. --

The following witnesses, who had been cited by the request of Mr. K. in behalf of the defendant, were sworn & examined as follows - viz. --

Mr. E.B. Burns --

Ques. Mr. K. - Did Mr. J.H. Burns leave his property & notes behind when he went to Camden? Ans. He left three loads of corn, Seven head of hogs, & some house plunder - together with some notes put into my hands for safe keeping. --

By the Same - Do you not know that this was the whole of his property except the horses which he took away? Ans. I believe it was - except what Mr. Irwin halled [sic] off.

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By the Same - In what did the property halled [sic] off consist? Ans. Bedding, clothing, & some furniture. -

By the Same - Do you know whether your brother had to borrow money to bear his expenses to Camden? Ans. He told me that he had not as much as \$3.00 --

By Mr. Phifer - You are aware that Mr. J.H. B. Sold a Negroe [sic], before he left, for \$500. -- borrowed \$300. -- from Mr. M. Garmon -- Received \$200.00 worth of cotton form Mr. T. Martin - & \$200. from Mrs. R--. Pharr, in cotton & money: -- Do you know what he did with this money? -- Ans. -- I do not know what he did with all of it. - He told me that he had received sugar & coffee for Mr. Martin's cotton, which he sold in the neighborhood -- Of the money from Garmon, a small part of it was paid to me, & as he told me, \$200. or 250. were paid to M. McKindly & J.W. White, &, as I learned from Col Alexander, a part of it was paid to him: -- As to the price of the negroe [sic], I understood that it went to pay William Phifer's store account -- And as to the money received from Mrs. Pharr, I do not know what became of it. --

By Modr. to Mr. J.O. Pharr -- Do you know what Mr. B. did with the money obtained from your cotton? Ans. He told me that he had had damaged good thrown upon his hands, for which he had payed it.

Col David White -

Ques. by Mr. K. - Do you know whether Mr. J.H. B. was unable to go to Camden without borrowing money? Ans. I understood from Mrs. B. on the day they started that they had not the money to bear their expenses: - I loaned Mr. B. Burns \$15.00 for that purpose. --

By the Same to Mr. E.B. Burns - When did Mr. J.H. Burns remove from this Co.? Ans. 17th Oct. 1838. --

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Col A. Alexander -

Ques. by Mr. K. - Did not Mr. B., at the time you were in Camden 1839 - when he said he could, but would not pay your debt, ask you if you had not taken an attachment upon his property? Ans. He did not at that time.

By the same - Did he not tell you that as you had commenced process, you might finish it before he would pay any thing? Ans. He did, in allusion to all his creditors that had commenced process, in a former conversation which occurred [sic] in Jan'y. Previous. -

Mr. James Flinn -

Ques. by Mr. K. - do you believe that Mr. J.H. B had any money deposited in bank when he went to Camden? I do not believe that he had.

By the Same - If he had, would you not have known it? Ans. I think I would --

The evidence being taken, Mr. K expressed his willingness & readiness to go to trial [sic]. Session ordered that all the testimony & papers in the case be forwarded by the clk. to the next meeting of Presbytery. - Adjourned to meet here on Wed. 17th inst. at 10 o'clock [sic] A.M. - Concluded with prayer.

Danl. A. Penick - Clk.

Meeting of Session

R. River

No. 48.

Sept. 16th 1840

Session met according to adjournment - Present Messrs. Penick, Morrison, Query, & Phifer - Constituted with prayer. ~ The following persons were examined on experimental religion & received into full communion of the Church - Viz. --

Hugh H. Pharr & Robert L. Archibald -

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Adjourned to meet on friday [sic] next -- Concluded with prayer -- Danl. A. Penick -
clk.--

Meeting of Session R. River

No. 49 Friday - Sept. 20. 1840

Session met - all the members present - Constituted with prayer. ~ the following persons,
after due examination, were received into full communion of the church - viz -

Rosa - Servt. of Mrs. C. Alexander

Jack. - “ “ Mr. W. Andrew

Bob - “ “ “ J. Phifer

Adjourned into the meeting-house for publick [sic] worship ~ Danl. A. Penick - clk.

Note - Sept. 20. 1840 - The following persons - Messrs. Walter F. Pharr, Robert Caldwell,
John S. McClarty, & Alexander McClarty, having been elected to the office of ruling elder
in this church, expressed this day their willingness to accept of the Same, & were duly
ordained & installed ruling elders in this church. --

Note - Sept. 23. 1840 - The Sacrament of the Supper was administered - Messrs. C.
Johnston, & J.M.H. Adams assisting -

Note - Sept. 24 - Notice having been previously given, an election was this day held for
one additional elder for Mr. Phifer's quarter - Mr. E.B. Burns was elected. ~

Sessions of Concord Presby. held at Back

Creek church - Sept. 25th. 1840 ~

Thus far examined & approved ~Cyrus Johnston, Mod.

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Note - Nov. 8 [?] th. 1840. Members of Session being assembled, Mr. John A. Davis presented a certificate of dismission from Philadelphia church to this church: -- He was received. ~

Note - Sept. 27. 1840 - Session granted a dismission to Jas. M. Flinn. ~

Sessional Report from March, 1840 to March 1841

Communicants -

Total in Communion per last report: 535

Members since added on examination: 12

Members since added on certificate: 2

Died: 2

Dismissed: 5

Suspended:

Total now in Communion: 542

Baptisms since the last report -

Adults: 5

Infants: 39

Total: 44

Collections since last report -

For Missions: 164.36

For Commissioners Funds: 7.50

For Presbytery:

For Theological Seminary:

For Education of poor & Pious youth: 36.12

March 9th 1841 ~ Danl. A. Penick - Modr.

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Meeting of Session

R. River Church

No. 50

April 29th 1841

Session met at the call of the Modr. - Present - the Modr. with Messrs. J. Morrison, John Black, R. Caldwell, A. McClarty & J McClarty. Constituted with prayer. ~
Mrs. Martha S. [?] Ingram applied for church membership. She was examined & received.

Whereas common Fame charges Mr. Wm. S. Morrison with grossly unchristian conduct in suffering dancing to be carried on & in furnishing a ball at his own house on the day & night of the 1st of Jany. 1841 - Whereas such conduct is both scandalous & injurious to the church.

Therefore resolved that the said W.S. Morrison be cited to meet this Session at the church on Wed. the 19th of May next at 2 oclk. P.M. to answer to the above charge.

Resolved that the following persons be depended upon as witnesses in the case -
Viz. ~ Messrs. Jackson Wallace, John M. Flow, Wm. Flow & Miss Elizabeth Flow. ~

Resolved that Mr. John Morrison serve the citation on Mr. W.S. Morrison.

As the above witnesses are in the bounds of Philadelphia congregation, resolved that Messrs. J. Black, J. McClarty, & Rev. D.A. Penick be a commission to take their testimony on Saturday the 5th of May next at 10 oclk. a.m. & at Phila. church.

Resolved that the Session of Phila. be requested to aid in the business. ~

Whereas Common Fame charges Mr. James E. Pugh - 1. With having been drunk at Concord during the ___ [?] court Jany. last, & 2. With having been drunk & with using profane language at Wm. H. Archibald's on several occasions about the same time.

Therefore resolved that the said J.E. Pugh be cited to meet this Session at the church on Wed. 19th May next at 2 olk. P.M. & answer to the above charges.

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Meeting of Session

R. River

No. 57

May 19th 1841

Session met according to adjournment. -- The following members were present - viz. D.A. Penick, Modr., J. Morrison, A. Davis, J.M. Black, A. & J.S. McClarty. Constituted with prayer.

The following minute was ordered to be recorded. Whereas Common Fame charges Mr. W.S. Morrison with habits of intoxication - an instance of which occurred in Decr. last on his return from Market - Whereas also said charge is both injurious to his own character & reproachful to religion; - Therefore resolved that it is the duty of this Session to investigate said charges. ~

Resolved that Messrs. E. Snell, & Robt. McClelland be relied on as witnesses in the case.

Mr. Morrison being present, & having expressed not only a willingness but a preference that both charges be forthwith investigated with a view to a final issue of the whole case: --

Therefore resolved that Session proceed to issue the case in relation to both charges. --

The commission which was sent to Phila. church to take testimony in reference to this first charge reported that Mr. Morrison had met them at the time & place specified, & acknowledged the truth of the charge, & thereby superceded [sic] the necessity of testimony.

The charges were then read. -- Mr. Morrison was called upon to make such statements in his own defence [sic] as he might think proper. He confessed fully the truth of both of the charges, & professed to have confessed his sins, in being guilty of them, to

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Danl. A. Penick clk.

J.L. McCuthan *Modr.*

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The following applicants - after an examination on experimental religion - were received into full communion - viz.

Elizabeth C. Alexander

Margaret J. Morrison &

Vine - Servt. of A.H. Cochran.

The following persons were received by certificate from Phila. Church. ~ viz.

Majr. Saml. Wilson & wife

Mrs. Cinthia Wilson.

Adjourned till tomorrow morning

Concluded with prayer -

Danl. A. Penick - clk. -

Meeting of Session

R. River

No. 54 -

Sept. 19. 1841.

Session met - all the members present - Constituted with prayer.

Miss Mary P. McClelland applied for privileges [sic] - was examined & received into full communion.

Mrs. Martha Adaline Davis was received by a certificate from Bethany church. -

Adjourned to meet tomorrow morning.

Concluded with prayer. --

Danl. A. Penick - clk.

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Meeting of Session

R. River

No. 55

Sept. 20. 1841.

Session met - all the members present - Constituted with prayer.

A communication from Concord Presby. was presented by the pastor, & read - which purported to be the action of Presby. upon the reference from this Session in the case of Mr. James H. Burns - See file -

Whereupon Session resolved, in compliance with the official order of Presby., that the Said James H. Burns be, & he hereby is, suspended from the communion & privileges [sic] of this church untill [sic] he shall give satisfactory evidence of repentance. ~

Resolved further that the Modr. of Session transmit to Mr. James H. Burns a copy of the communication from Presby., together with the above action of this Session in his case. ~

Ordered that certificates of dismissal be granted to Mrs. E. Pugh, & Mrs. Elizabeth Caldwell. ~

The case of Mr. James E. Pugh was then taken up after some consultation, resolved that he be cited to meet this Session at this place on Wed. 13th of Oct. next at 10 oclk. A.M. & answer to the charges before tabled: - Also that the witnesses be cited to attend at the same time & place. --

The following minute was ordered to be entered on record.

Whereas Common Fame charges Amos, Servt. of Mr. John Davis - 1. with theft, in taking a pair of pantaloons belonging to Jack, Servt. of W. Andrew - 2. with lying - in denying that he stole them- 3. with profane swearing - & 4. with fighting Said Jack upon his claiming his pantaloons -

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Whereas also Said Amos has substantially confessed Said charges to several members of Session -

Whereas furthermore - Said rumor is wide spread & exceedingly disreputable to religion --

Resolved that Amos be cited to meet this on Wed. 13th Oct. next at 10. oclck A.M.
- & answer to said charges.

Adjourned to meet at the call of the Modr. or on Wed. 13 Oct next, at this place,
& at 10. olk. A.M. ~

Concluded with prayer.

Danl. A. Penick - clk.

Note - Sab. Sept. 19. The sacrament of the Lord's supper was administered - Dr.

Robinson assisting. Messrs. Davis & Nash failed to attend. ~

Note - Mond. Sept. 20. A collection was taken in behalf of Domestic Missions amounting to about \$38. --

Note - Oct. 10 - Session ordered that Mrs. Elizabeth Keilough & Mrs. Sarah Teeter be Dismissed according to their request, & furnished with certificates &c. --

Meeting of Session

R. River Church

No. 56.

Oct. 13th 1841.

Session met according to adjournment - all the members present, except Messrs. Query & John McClarty - Constituted with prayer.

Mr. James E. Pugh was not in attendance. - Session was informed by the Clerk that he had forwarded a citation to him by mail & that he had written evidence that he had received it.

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Meeting of Session

R. River church

No. 57 ~

Nov. 3. 1841.

Session met according to adjournment. The Modr being absent, Mr. J.M. Black was chosen Modr. & Mr. W.F. Pharr, clerk pro tem. - Constituted with prayer. Session went into the consideration of the case of Mr. Jas. E. Pughe. Mr. Pughe being still absent, Mr. John S. McClarty was appointed to defend his cause. The following witnesses were examined, who testified as follows viz. ~ Mrs. Martha M. Neely --

Ques. by Modr. -Did you see J.E. Pugh at Archibald's store about the 25th of May 1840?

Ans. I did.

Ques. by the same - Was he intoxicated? Ans. I considered him so.

By the same - Did he use profane language? Ans. He did.

By the same - Had he his close coat, cravat, & hat thrown off, & did he manifest a disposition to fight? Ans. Yes.

Ques. by the defendant - Did he swear any finable oaths [?] ? Ans. Not that I recollect of.

Ques. by the same - Was he stripped for self-defense, or for the purpose of waging a fight?

Ans. I don't know.

By the same - Was his antagonist threatening him severely? Ans. Yes. ~

Mr. Robert McEachern testified as follows - viz. --

Ques. by Modr. Did you see Mr. Jas. E. Pugh in the town of Concord on Tues. of Jany. court 1841? Ans. I did see him there in a grog. shop. on the evening of that day, & I considered him so drunk that he was not fit to do any business.

By the same - Are you well enough acquainted with Pugh to know when he is drunk?

Ans. I think so. --

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By the same - Did you hear him use any prefance [sic] language? Ans. No - not at that time.

Ques. by the defendant - What did you see him doing that induced you to think him drunk? Ans. I did not see him do any thing; - but from information received before, & from his appearance & his mode of address. I was convinced that he was drunk. --

The witnesses present having been examined, the further consideration of the case was deferred [sic] until the 1st Wed. of Decr. 1841. --

Ordered that Messrs Nathan Phillips & R.L. Archibald be notified to attend at that time at this place, & at the hour of 10. oclk. A.M.

The case of Abram was continued untill [sic] the above named day - when he & the witnesses are to be duly cited to attend. ~

Adjourned to meet here on the 1st Wed. of Decr. next at 10. oclk. A.M.

W.F. Pharr - clk. pro. Tem.

Meeting of Session

R. River Church

No. 58. ~

Decr. 1st. 1841

Agreeably to adjournment, several members of Session met: But the Modr. being still absent by sickness - & a quorum of the elders not being present; The cases set for this day were continued to the 15th inst. - & it was ordered that citations be served accordingly -- After which the meeting adjourned to the 15th Decr. 1841 - 10. oclk. a.m.

W.F. Pharr - clk pro Tem.

ARRIVED H. J. - 2N17 / 403322/203 1-23-24

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Meeting of Session	R.R. Church
No. 59	Decr. 15th. 1841.

Session met according to adjournment -- All the members present, except Mr. R. Caldwell
- Constituted with prayer. ~

Abram & the witnesses being present - Session resolved to proceed investigate his case. --The charges were read. ~ Abram confessed that he had found the pocket book & used the money, but denied that he had any intention to steal either. ~

The following witnesses were sworn - who testified as follows. ~ viz. ~

Anderson - Servt. of Saml. Harris - testified that he was called on to Settle a difference between Abram & Martin - that Abram first said that Moses, Servt. of Mrs. Pharr had found the p. book & given it to him - that when Moses was called up, he (Abram) confessed that he himself had found it. ~

Martin, Servt. of Mrs. Harris - testified that he had lost a pocket book, containing money on Saturday night or Sabbath morning before the fall sacrament - that Abram saw him looking for it & asked him what he was looking for - that he told him - that Abram asked him if there was any thing in it - He told him there was - that on ____ [illegible] night following, having identified one piece of the lost money in the possession of another man who said that Abram had paid it to him, he (Martin) called on Abram, who denied that he had paid out any money - but afterward confessed that he had - that he also, at first, denied that he had found the pocket book, but afterwards confessed it.

Abram confessed that Martin had stated substantially the truth. ~

After due deliberation - Session determined, that in view of all the circumstances of the case, the charges are substantially sustained by the evidence: -- Inasmuch, however, as Abram confessed that he had found the p. book, & used the money - that he had

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wickedly lyed [sic] about it - for which he professed to be sorrow - Inasmuch also as Martin had got his money & Abram denies any intention of stealing: Session resolved that for this first offence, he receive, in the presence of the Session, a Solemn reproof & admonition. ~

Note -- The above reproof & admonition were given. ~

The case of Mr. Jas. E. Pugh was then taken up. The charges were read - The following witnesses were sworn - who testified as follows - viz.

Mr. N. Phillips - that he was at Jany. court & saw Mr. Pugh with whom he wished to do business; but that he was too drunk. ~

Mr. R.L. Archibald stated he had seen Mr. Pugh at his father's a short time before the Feby. court, very drunk & using very profane language - that at night & a late hour of the night Pugh came to his house, asked to stay all night -said that he had been very drunk, but was better - that he could give no account of what had become of his horse. ~

After due deliberation - Session resolved unanimsly [sic] that the charges are sustained by the testimony - that he accordingly, be & that he hereby is suspended from the communion & privileges [sic] of the church until he gives satisfactory evidence of repentance [sic].

Resolved that the above decission [sic] be published to the congregation - together with the cases of Abram & Amos. ~

The following records were ordered to be made. ~

Whereas Com. Fame charges Charles, Servt. of Mr. Saml. Morrison, with having engaged in a fight with Henry, Servt. of Rev. D.A. Penick, in a manner & under circumstances altogether unbecoming a christian [sic]; Resolved that he be cited to meet this Session on Wed. 2d. day of Feby. 1842 at 10. oclk. a.m. & answer to the above

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charge. - Ordered that Henry, & also Peter, Servt. of Mr. Henry Pharr be cited to attend as witnesses.

Whereas Com. Fame charges Caroline Servt. of Mrs. M. Alexander, with the sin of adultery in having given birth to a child - she having no husband - Resolved that she be cited to meet the Session at the church on the above named day at 9 oclk. a.m. to answer to the charge. -

Ordered that, in case Caroline denies the charge, Dr. Ingram & lady be requested to attend as witnesses.

Whereas Com. Fame charges Mr. Saml. F. Morrison with having been intoxicated at Mr. A.H. Cochran's store on the day of sale in Nov. last, also on Thurs. 30 Decr. 1841, near Mr. J.C. Cochran's - Resolved that he be cited to meet this Session at 11. oclk. on the above named day, & answer to the charge.

Ordered that the following persons be cited as witnesses - viz. -- Mr. Jas. McClelland, Dr. Cyrus Alexander, Messrs. J.C. Cochran, & Geo. Stewart -

Whereas Com. Fame charges Mr. R.R. Hudson with having been drunk, with using profane language, & with playing at cards in or near the town of Charlotte, at or about the time of the last general Muster: - Resolved that he be cited to meet this Session at 12. oclk. of the above named day at the church, & answer to the above charges. ~

Ordered that the following persons be cited to attend as witnesses - viz. J. [?]
Leroy Phillips, Sandy McKindly, & Solomon Harris. -

Adjourned to meet here on Wed. 2nd day of Febry. 1842, at 9 oclk. a.m.

Concluded with prayer.

Danl. A. Penick - clk.

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Meeting of Session

R. River church

No. 60.

Feby. 2. 1842.

Session met according to adjournment - Present, Rev. D.A. Penick, Modr., with Messrs. J. Morrison, A. Davis, J. Phifer, J. Black, A. McClarty, R. Caldwell, & W.F. Pharr -
Constituted with prayer.

Session took up the case of Charles - Servt. of Mr. Saml. Morrison. The charges were read.

The following witnesses were Sworn & they testified as follows - viz. -- Henry, Servt. of D.A. Penick, stated that he had complained to Charles, whilst [sic] returning from working on the road, of his conduct towards his wife particularly on Monday of the Sacrament - that Charles had given him the lie [?] several times, & that he returned it - that Charles collared him & struck him several times. --

Peter, Servt. of Mr. H. Pharr, stated that, whilst returning from working on the road, Henry asked Charles what he meant by running after his wife on Monday of the Sacrament - Charles denied that he had run after her - that Henry gave Charles the d__n lie [?] - that Charles collared him & the fight commenced. He did not know which struck first - but said that Charles kicked him first & collared him first.

Charles was heard in his own defence [sic]. He confessed that he had walked with Henry's wife a short distance on Monday of the Sacrament, but for no evil intent, & that he had fought with H. as charged - but that he was aggravated to it by Henry's abusive language. ~

After due deliberation, Session Sustained the charges, & resolved that, inasmuch as Charles was aggravated by H. upon mere jealous suspicion & confessed the guilt of the sin into which he was then provoked - professing sorrow that he had allowed himself to be

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Ordered that Mr. R.R. Hudson be again cited - accompanied by the information that his case will be issued on that day whether he attends or not, or that he will be dealt with for contumely [?] also that Mr. Sol. Harris & Mr. J.F. Irwin be cited to attend as witnesses. ~

Ordered that the issue of Caroline's case be published to the congr. --

Adjourned to meet here on Wed. W. day of March 1842 at 10. oclk. a.m. -

Concluded with prayer. -

Danl. A. Penick - clk.

Meeting of Session

R.R. church

No. 61.

March 2, 1842

Session met according to adjournment - present the Modr. with Messrs. Black & Caldwell. The weather being very inclement & the water courses much raised & rising, Session resolved to continue the cases set for this day & to adjourn to meet here on Tues. the 8th day of March next. at 10. oclk. a.m. for the purpose of issuing the cases thus postponed. Ordered that citations be issued accordingly. -- Adjourned.

Danl. A. Penick - clk.

Meeting of Session

R.R. church

No. 62

March 8th 1842

Session met according to adjournment - all the members present except Messrs. Davis & Black -- Constituted with prayer. ~

The parties being present, Session proceeded with the case of Mr. R.R. Hudson.
The charges were read.

The following witnesses having been sworn, testified as follows - viz --

Mr. Sandy McKindley - that Mr. H. was with him & others when he camped about the time of the genl. muster near Charlotte - that they went into town after supper & returned - except Mr. H. - that he did not return untill [sic] a very late hour of the night - 11 or 12 oclk. - that he was very noisy & funny - & that he played cards untill [sic] near day light. ~

Ques. by Mr. H. - Was I more noisy after I returned than before? Ans. I don't know that you were. ~

Ques. by same - Did I play cards for money? Ans. Not as I know of.

Ques. by Modr. - Did Mr. H. conduct himself as a christian [sic] gentleman? Ans. No.

Mr. J.L. Phillips - that he was at the same camp with Mr. McKindley - that Mr. H. returned from town at a very late hour of the night - was very noisy & funny - played cards - heard profane swearing among the card players but did not know [who] used the language - could not say that Mr. H. was drunk, but thought from his conduct that he had been taking a dram.

Ques. by Mr. H. - Did you see or hear any thing of money being played for? Ans. I did not. --

Ques. by Modr. - Did Mr. H. act in a manner all-together unbecoming a christian [sic]? Ans. Yes - we talked & concluded that he was not a member of the church. --

Mr. Sollomon [sic] Harris - that Mr. H. was at his camp at the time referred to - after supper went to town & returned some time before the after-part of the night -

Ques. by Modr. - Did you see Mr. H. Drink ardent spirits? Ans. Yes.

Ques. by same - Did you hear him use profane language? Ans. Sometimes - tho not in anger. -

Ques. by Mr. H. - How many drams did you see me take? Ans. Two. --

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have a dram - We went into the house - Mr. M. called for spirits - Carter brought a quart can of spirits - Mr. M. poured out some into a tumbler - was talking with G. Stewart - drank what was in the tumbler - his back being turned, reached his hand back & took the quart & drank of it till Stewart hollowed at him - it made him very drunk. -

The evidence being closed - Mr. Morrison was heard in his defence [sic]. ~

After due deliberation - Session resolved that the charges are sustained, & that Mr. Morrison be & that he hereby is suspended from the communion & privileges [sic] of the church untill [sic] he shall give satisfactory evidence of repentance. --

Ordered that the case be published to the congregation. --

A document was presented to Session. Signed by Joshua Harris - charging Mr. J.C. Cochran with having been intoxicated, using profane language, & wishing to fight - at the house of Mr. J.M. Cochran, about the 1st of Nov. 1841. -

In relation to said paper - inasmuch as the offence charged is believed not to be extensively known or talked about, & the prosecutor is willing to waive the prosecution on condition that the accused confess his sin & manifest repentance: - the paper was put into the hands of two members of Session viz. Mr. J.M. Black & Col. D. White with directions to see the parties face to face & effect, if possible, an amicable & satisfactory disposal of the case. The result of the interview was such (as subsequently reported) - the accused confessing the two last charges & professing repentance & the accuser being satisfied - that the consent of all parties further proceedings were thought unnecessary & the case was dismissed. ~

Adjourned - concluded with prayer -

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Annual Sessional Report of Rocky River Church to Presbytery
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Communicants -

Total in communion per last report: 525

Members since added on examination: 10

Members since added on certificate: 4

Died: 16

Dismissed: 15

Suspended: 5

Total now in communion: 503

Baptisms since the last report -

Adults: 7

Infants: 50

Total: 57

Collections since the last report -

Com. Fund: 7.50

Assembly Board of For. Miss. -: 113.

Assembly Board of Dom. Miss. -: 38.

Education: 120.

D. College - Subscribed -: 1500.

Total - paid: 368.50

Dated March 9th 1842. --- Signed - Danl. A. Penick - Modr.

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Meeting of Session

R.R. Session Room

No. 63.

April 28th 1842.

Session met - In the absence of the Modr., Dr. J. Robinson, being present, presided & constituted the meeting with prayer. -

The following persons, after a satisfactory examination on experimental religion, were admitted to full communion - viz. --

John L. Morrison

James A. Porter

James E. McEachern

Miss. Martha M. White

David C. Flow

Mrs. Luiza Pharr.

Adjourned --

Walter F. Pharr - Clerk. pro. tem.

Meeting of Session

R. River Session House

No. 64

July 25 - 1842.

Session met at the call of the Moderator. The following members present viz. Messrs. D.A. Penick, J. Morrison, A. Davis, J. Phifer, J.M. Black, R. Caldwell, J.S. McClarty, & Col. D. White: - Constituted with prayer. ~

After due consultation & deliberation, the following minute was ordered to be recorded - viz. --

Whereas Common Fame charges Mr. Edward Pittman, very much to the reproach of Religion, with having committed the following offences at his own store on Saturday

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the 11th of June last - viz. - 1. giving indulgence to his passions in a grossly unchristian manner - 2. Manifesting a strong & violent disposition to fight - 3. Using grossly profane language - & 4. Raising an unlawful weapon & using unchristian threats in despite [sic] of friendly cautions & warnings against such conduct from both civil & ecclesiastical officers: -- Therefore resolved unanimously [sic] that the said Edward Pittman be cited to appear before this Session, at this place, & answer to the above charges, on Monday the 5th of September, at 10. oclk. A.M. -

Resolved that the following persons be cited to attend at the above named time & place, as witnesses in the case - viz. Messrs. J.M. Black, J.S. McClarty, & R. Kirkpatrick.

Adjourned - Concluded with prayer -

Danl. A. Penick clk.

Meeting of Session

R.R. Session House

No. 65

Sept. 5th. 1842.

Session met according to adjournment - Constituted with prayer - The following members present - viz. J. Phifer, J.M. Black, A. McClarty, W.F. Pharr, J.S. McClarty, R. Caldwell, Col. D. White, & Rev. D.A. Penick. ~

After waiting an hour or more after the appointed time, Session took up the case of Mr. E. Pitman. Mr. Pitman did not appear. A letter from him, however, addressed to the clk. of Session - in answer to the citation, in which he confessed the charges - but refuses to obey the citation, was read. ~ Whereupon resolved that the case be continued; & that the said E. Pitman be cited again, according to the constitution, to meet this Session at the Session house, on Tuesday, the 13th inst. at 9 oclk. a.m. to answer to the charges specified in the former citation.

Ordered that the witnesses be cited as before.

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Adjourned - to meet here on the 18th Ins. &c [?]-

Concluded with prayer -

Danl. A. Penick - clk.

Meeting of Session

Rocky River

No. 66.

Septr. 13th 1842.

Session met according to adjournment - Present J. Phifer, A. McClartey, Col. D. White, J. McClarty, W.F. Pharr, J.M. Black, & Danl. A. Penick. ~ Constituted with prayer. ~

Mr. E. Pittman being present & ready for trial, Session resolved to proceed in his case.

Altho [sic] Mr. P. had confessed the charges; yet, as he wished the witnesses to be examined: Session proceeded to do so. ~ The charges were read.

The following witnesses were Sworn & examined; & they testified as follows - viz.

J.M. Black - that he was at Pitman's store on the day specified - That he saw Mr. P. in a very great rage of passion & heard him use repeatedly very profane language - that he saw him draw up his shirt sleeves & heard him say that he could whip the officer who had served the warrant. ~

Ques. by Modr. - Had this officer, in any manner, provoked or insulted him? Ans. No, not in my presence.

By the Same - Was his conduct without provocation? Ans. So far as I could see. !

By the Same - Was it glaringly unbecoming a Christian? Yes.

By the Same - Did you endeavor to passify [sic] him? Ans. Yes - But he told me. "I know who you are, & under whose influence you act - You may turn me out & welcome, tho, you keep in liars & rogues. ~

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Ques. by Mr. P. - You have known me for some time, have you ever heard me using profane language before or am I in the habit of keeping company with men of such character? Ans. I have known you for several years. Never heard you swear before or saw you in any bad company.

J.S. McClartey - That he was at Mr. Pitman's Store & in the counting room on the afternoon of the day named - that he entered the room after the trial had progressed & the decision [sic] had been given - that he Mr. P. rolling up his shirt-sleeves & walking around the table where the officer was sitting, Saying that he must whip him & appearing anxious to do it - that he saw Mr. P. _____ a Shovel & heard him Say to the officer. "Say again that I won't strike you, & you shall see whether I will or not." - that he heard him repeatedly use very wicked & profane language.

Ques. by Modr. Was Mr. P. in a great rage? Ans. Yes.

By Same - Did he seem to feel & act thus without provocation? Ans. As far as I saw. ~

Ques. by Mr. P. - Did my conduct seem to be deliberate & willful? Ans. I don't know - I never saw you act so before.

By the Same - You have been my neighbor for several years. Am I in the habit of swearing or of keeping company with men of that character? Ans. You are not - so far as I know. ~

Ques. by the Same - Did you See Mr. Kirkpatrick take hold of me? Ans. Yes. ~

Ques. by the Same - Could he controll [sic] me? Ans. No. You broke loose from him & said, "You are not the man I want to fight. I have nothing against you." ~

Mr. R. Kirkpatrick was detained by the Sickness of his family.

Mr. Pitman was heard fully in his own defence [sic]. ~

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After due deliberation - Session resolved that altho [sic] the charges are fully sustained - yet, inasmuch as Mr. P had fully acknowledged them, has professed repentance not only for the sins committed, but a wish to wipe off the reproach from the church as far as possible - inasmuch also as he promised to endeavor to avoid the like in future: - that he be faithfully reprov'd & admonished by the Modr. in presence of this Session. --

Which was done. ---

The following persons applied for admission into the church, were examined & received into full communion - viz - James C. McClelland

Felix H. McClelland

Erastus S. Stansel

Terrissa H. Alexander

Jesse - Servt of J.C. Harris. ~

Adjourned - Concluded with prayer ~

Danl. A. Penick - clk. ~

Meeting of Session

R. River

No. 67

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Session met at the call of the Modr. - All present, except Messrs. Davis & J.S. McClartey
- Constituted with prayer.

Mary Elizabeth White applied for admission. She was examined & received into full Communion. Adjourned - concluded with prayer.

Danl. A. Penick - clk.

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Meeting of Session

R. River church

No. 68.

March 8th 1843

Session met at the call of the Modr. Present - Rev. D.A. Penick, Messrs J. Phifer, J.M.

Black, A. McClartey, & W.F. Pharr - Constituted with prayer. ~

After due consultation, the following minute was ordered to be recorded - viz - Whereas Common Fame charges Mr. R.R. Hudson with grievous [sic] uncristian [sic] conduct, on friday [sic] & saturday [sic] of Rocky River Sacrament in Sept. last, in setting up a Constable's advertisement in Rocky River church yard, in manifesting grossly angry passions, & in using profane language: -- And also with being in the habit of using profane language: - Therefore resolved unanimously [sic] that the said R.R. Hudson be cited to Meet this at this place & at 10. oclk. A.M. Monday 10th of April next, & answer to the above charges. ~

Resolved that the following person be cited attend at the same time & place, as witnesses in the above case - viz. - Col. A. Alexander, Robt Kirkpatrick, Dionissius Alexander, John Gingles, R.M. McEachern, J.S. McClartey, & Edw. Pittman.

Mrs. Martha Neely applied thro. Mr. A. McClarty, for a certificate of dismission to Sugar Creek Church - which was granted. - Adjourned to meet here the 10th of Aprl. at 10.

A.M. - Concluded with prayer. -

Danl. A. Penick -. clk.

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Meeting of Session

R. River

No. 69.

April 10th 1843

Session met according to adjournment - present - The Modr. with Messrs. J. Phifer, Col. D. White, A. McClarty & J.S. McClarty. After waiting till 11. oclk., & the defendent [sic] not appearing - Session being satisfied that the citation had been duly served; it was resolved that the case be continued until Monday the 24th ins. & that the said R.R. Hudson together with the witnesses be cited, as before, to meet this Session, at this place, on that day at 10. oclk. A.M. & answer to the charges before specified. ~ Adjourned -

Danl. A. Penick - clk.

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Annual Sessional Report
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from March 9th 1842 to April 12th 1843

Communicants -

Total in Communion per last Report: 503

Members since added on examination: 12

Members since added on certificate: 1

Died: 14

Dismissed: 5

Suspended:

Total now in communion: 497

Baptisms since the last report -

Adults: 1

Infants: 33

Total: 34

Collections since the last report -

For For. Missions: 55.

For D. Missions: 28.70

For Commissioners fund: 7.50

For Presbytery: 90.

For Theol. Seminary:

For Education of poor & pious youth: 115.

Total of Benevolent Contributions paid: 296.20

Dated April 12th 1843

Signed- Danl. A. Penick - Clk. of Session -

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Meeting of Session	R.R. Session House
No. 70	April 16th 1843.

Session met at the call of the Modr. - present - the Modr. with Messrs. J. Morrison, A. Davis, J. Query, J. Phifer, R. Caldwell, & W.F. Pharr - Constituted with prayer. - Mr. Thomas Ross Morgan applied for church priviledges [sic]. After a satisfactory examination, he was received as a member in full communion. ~
Adjourned into the house for publick [sic] worship. ~

Danl. A. Penick - clk. --

Meeting of Session	Session House
No. 71.	April 23 - 1843

Session met at the call of the Modr. - present the Modr. with Messrs. J. Morrison, A. Davis, J. Query, J. Phifer, D. White, R. Caldwell & J.S. McClarty - constituted with prayer. --
Upon application, after a careful examination on experimental religion, the following persons were received into full communion of the church viz. - Isaack [sic] Harris, Peter Tinsley Penick, & Elizabeth W. Harris. ~ Adjourned into the house for publick [sic] worship. ~

Danl. A. Penick - clk.

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Meeting of Session

Session House

No. 72

April 24th 1843.

Session met according to adjournment - present the Modr., with Messrs. J. Phifer, D. White, J.M. Black, R. Caldwell, J.S. McClarty, & Alexr. McClarty - Constituted with prayer. -

Having waited a considerable time, Session determined to take up the case of Mr. R.R. Hudson. It was ascertained that the citations had been duly served. It was resolved to proceed to the trial notwithstanding the defendant has failed to appear. ~ Mr. J.M. Black was appointed to manage Mr. Hudson's defence [sic]. - The charges were read. The following witnesses, having been sworn, testified as follows - viz. --

Col. A. Alexander testified that on Saturday of the fall Sacrament, he heard Mr. H. say that some one had torn down his advertisement - that he was evidently in a very great rage - that he heard him swear repeatedly that he would take the man who did it to the Court House or if he did not get satisfaction in that way, that he would whip him - that his conduct on that occasion was grossly unbecoming a christian [sic]: - that he had heard him repeatedly, both before & since that time, using profane language. ~

Mr. R. Kirkpatrick testified that he saw Mr. H. on friday [sic] & Saturday of the fall Sacrament - that his conduct was decidedly unchristian - that he was very angry without provocation except for the removal of his advertisement - that he heard him use profane language - & that on the 2nd. day Jany. last, at Pittman's store, at a hiring [?], he heard him sware very profanely as well as on various other occasions. ~

Ques. by Mr. Black - Do you know that Mr. H. Set up that advertisement? Ans. Mr. H. told me that he had.

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Ques. by Col. White - Did Mr. H. tell you that I had requested him to take down the advertisement? Answ. Yes, & he further said that you (W.) told him (H) that if he (H) did not take it down, you (W.) would. ~

Mr. D. Alexander testified that he had heard Mr. H. using very profane language about the 12th of Jany. last at Pittman's Store, & on various other occasions. ~

Mr. R.M. McEachern testified that he knew nothing of Mr. H.'s conduct at the fall Sacrament, but that he had heard him use profane language on various occasions - Once, on the evening of Mrs. Jas. Russell's sale at a waggoner's [sic] camp; - & on another occasion, on returning from Concord - & that when he (Mc.) reproved him, he (H.) replied that he was so much in the habit of it that he did it when he did not know it. -

Mr. E. Pittman testified that he had heard Mr. H. say a few days ago, that he (H.) had set up the advertisement at the church - but that he did it not knowing that it was improper - that he had heard him use profane language on various occasions - & that on one occasion, he heard him say that he was so much in the habit of it, that he used such language when he did not know it. ~

The testimony being gone through, Mr. Black was heard in behalf of the defendent [sic]. ~

After due deliberation - Col. White, & Mr. Black by request being excused from voting in the case, -- Session resolved that the charges are fully sustained by the evidence: ~ and that the said R.R. Hudson be & that he hereby is suspended from the communion of the church untill [sic] he shall give satisfactory evidence of repentance. ~

Ordered that this action of the Session be announced to the congregation. ~

Ordered that Mrs. Sarah P. Alexander be dismissed according to her request to the church of Hopewell - Adjourned concluded with prayer - Danl. A. Penick - clk--

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Meeting of Session

Session House

No. 73.

May 5th 1843

Session met at the call of the Modr - present the Modr., with Messrs Morrison, Davis, Query, Pharr, White, Caldwell, Phifer, Black, & J.S. McClarty - constituted with prayer. ~ The following persons were examined on experimental religion, & received into full communion ~ viz. --

Sarah Ann Archibald, Mary Ann Alexander, Dorcas Catherine Davis, Catherine Pechel [?], (widow) & Ann Pechel. ~ Adjourned into the church for publick [sic] worship - to meet here tomorrow morning at 9 1/2 oclk. A.M. ~ Danl. A. Penick clk. -

Meeting of Session

Session House

No. 74.

May 6th 1843.

Session met according to adjournment - Present as on yesterday - Constituted with prayer. The following persons, after a careful examination, were received into full communion in the church - viz.

Robert Sidney Query, Mary Wilson Harris, Dorcas Hesse Alexander, Morant - Servt. of Miss Tirza Ross, Cyrus Franklin Campbell, Mrs. Elizabeth Dorcas Martin, Margaret Ann Pharr -- & Mrs. Cynthia C. McKee, by certificate from Unity Church, Lowndes Co., Ala. Adjourned into the church for publick [sic] worship -

Danl. A. Penick. clk.

Thus far examined and approved by Presb. Little Britain Sept. 1. 1843.

John E. McPherson Mod.

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Meeting of Session

Rocky River

No. 75

Sep. 15. 1843

Session met at the call of the Modr. - Present the Modr. with Messrs Davis, Pharr & Black - constituted with prayer. After a satisfactory examination, Henderson, Servt. of Miss E. Ross was received into full communion. ~

Whereas Common Fame charges Cinthia, Servt. of Dr. C. Alexander, with having violated [unclear] the seventh com. in giving birth to a white child, she being married to a Coloured man, resolved that she be cited to meet this Session at this place on Mond. the 25th Ins. at 10. oclk. A.M. to answer to said charge. Ordered that Dr. Alexander & his lady, Mrs. E. Alexander be cited to attend as witnesses.

Adjourned till tomorrow - Danl. A. Penick clk

Concluded with prayer

Meeting of Session

R. River

No. 76.

Sep. 16. 1843

Session met - Present the Modr. with Messrs. Morrison, David, Phifer, White, Caldwell, Pharr, & E. [?] McClarty - constituted with prayer. ~

The following persons were examined & received into full communion - viz.

Jane D. Wilson

Cinthia E. Wilson

Caroline - Servt. of Mr. P. Townsend

Bob - Servt. of Co. Alexander - having been suspended a number of years ago - appeared before Session & having given satisfactory evidence of repentance was restored to full communion. ~

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Mr. Nathaniel S. Alexander was received by certificate from Mallard Creek church.

Mr. Edward Pittman & his wife were dismissed by their own request. ~ Adjourned

concluded with prayer ~

Danl. A. Penick - clk --

Meeting of Session

R. River

No. 77.

Sep. 17. 1843

Session met - Present the Modr. with Messrs. Morrison, Davis, White, & Pharr -

Constituted with prayer. After examination, Mrs. Sarah A. McClelland was received into

full communion - Adjourned. Concluded with prayer - Danl. A. Penick clk.

On Sabbath - the Lord's Supper was administered - Messrs. C. Jhoneton [?] & W.S. Pharr assisting.

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Meeting of Session

R.R.

No. 78

Feby. 11th 1844

The following members of Session being convened - viz. D.A. Penick, with Messrs Phifer, Black, White, A. & J.S. McClartey & Caldwell. It was resolved (inasmuch as the Session failed to meet, on account of the sickness of the Modr. - on the 15th of Sept. last - to attend to the case of Cinthia, Servt. of Dr. C. Alexander); that the Session will meet here to attend to that case on friday [sic] next, the 16th Ins. at 10. oclk. A.M. ~ Ordered that the parties & witnesses as before named be cited to attend. ~

Danl. A. Penick Clk.

Meeting of Session

R.R.

No. 79.

Feby. 16th 1844

Session met as before agreed upon - Present - the Modr. - with Messrs. Phifer, Black, White, A. & J.S. McClartey. After waiting several hours, being satisfied that the parties in the case to be tried to day had been duly cited, & none of them being present; it was resolved that the case be continued untill [sic] Tues. next, the 20th ins. - that, inasmuch as it will quite convenient to all concerned, the Session will meet in the village of Concord, in the house of Mrs. J.F. [?] & C. Phifer at 10. oclk. A.M. of that day to issue the case. - Ordered that the Senior elder of that quarter cite the parties again - apprising the defendant that the case will be tired & issued whether she attends or not. ~ Adjourned - to meet at Concord on Tues. 20th ins. at 10. oclk. A.M. ~

Danl. A. Penick Clk.

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Meeting of Session

Feb. 20th 1844

No. 80.

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Session met according to adjournment - present the Modr. with Messrs. Phifer, Black, Caldwell, Pharr, & White. Constituted with prayer.

The case of Cinthia - charged with having violated the seventh commandment - was taken up. Mr. Phifer informed the Session that the citations had been duly served. She being still absent, & Session being satisfied that her absence was voluntary & that her conduct was the occasion of much Scandal to religion especially among those of her own colour; resolved to proceed in the trail. Mr. Phifer stated that she had confessed to him that she was guilty of the charge, & that he had seen the child which was clearly a mulatto.

Whereupon - inasmuch as her offence [sic] is notorious, & we have used every measure to bring her to trial & she fails to appear - Resolved unanimously that she, being guilty by her own confession, of the charge profered [sic] - be suspended - & she is hereby suspended from the privileges [sic] of the church untill [sic] she shall [sic] give satisfactory evidence of repentance. ~ Resolved that the decission [sic] be published. ~. Mr. S.J.P. Spears & his wife, Mary Spears who moved away some eight years ago, requested certificates of dismissal. Ordered that the request be granted - the certificate specifying the time of removal.

The Session then adjourned - concluded with prayer.

Danl. A. Penick - clk.

Meeting of Session

R. River church

No. 81

March 24th 1844.

Session met at the call of the Modr - Present the Modr., with Messrs. J. Morrison, J. Phifer, D. White, & R. Caldwell - Constituted with prayer. Mr. Alfred McGraw & his

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wife Mrs. Margaret McGraw, the former by examination & the latter by certificate from the Lutheran Church - were received as members in full communion, of this this [sic] church. -- He & their two children were admitted to baptism. ~

Mrs. Margaret Harris & her Son John M. Harris applied for certificates of dismission - being about to remove to Miss. ~ Ordered that their request be granted. Mr. A.Q. Harris also applied for a certificate of dismission. Whereupon it was ordered that inasmuch as Common Fame charges the applicant with having spent the night of the 7th ins. at the house of J.W. Means, in dancing - his request be not granted for the present - unless he shall call upon the pastor of this church, confess his sins, profess his repentance & promise amendment or untill [sic] the Session shall have time to investigate the the [sic] case. ~ Adjourned. ~

Danl. A. Penick - clk.

Concord - April 5th 1844 - Thus far examined in Presbytery & approved. ~

James L.N. [?] Freeman

Mod.

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of the Presbyterian church of Rocky River
from April 12th 1843 to April 4th 1844.

Communicants -

Total in Communion per last report: 497

Members since added on examination: 23

Members since added on certificate: 3

Died: 15

Dismissed: 11

Suspended: 2

Total now in Communion: 495

Baptisms since the last report -

Adults: 1

Infants: 31

Total: 32

Collections since the last report -

For Assembly's Board of For. Miss.: 78.

For Assembly's Board of D. Miss.: 44.

For Commissr. Fund: 7.50

For Theol. Semry.: 5.

For Education of poor & pious youth: 110.

Total: 244.50

Dated April 4th 1844 ~ Signed - Danl. A. Penick - Modr.

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Meeting of Session

R.R. Session House

No. 82

April 19. 1844

Session met at the call of the Modr. - Present Missrs. [sic]. D.A. Penick, J. Phifer, E. McClarty, Col. White, R. Caldwell & J.S. McClartey - Constituted with prayer. The following persons applied for admission to the privilidges [sic] of the church viz. - Samuel W. Caldwell & Margaret E. Caldwell, who - after due examination, were received - & Mumford, Servt of Mr. J. Phifer - who was rejected. ~

Session had a recess till tomorrow morning 9. oclk. ~

April 20. 9. oclk. - Session met - Present as above, with the addition of Messrs. J. Morrison & A. Davis & W. F. Pharr. ~

After due examination - Messrs William Carter & Thos. H. Davis were received into full communion.

Had a recess till tomorrow morning 9. oclk.

Aprl. 21. 9. oclk. Session met - present as above - Mrs. Elizabeth Strube appeared, was examined & received into full communion. Mr. Robert L. [?] Irwin was received also by certificate from church Alabama. ~ After which, Session adjourned - concluded with prayer ~ Danl. A. Penick - clk.

April 21. 1844 - The Sacrament of Baptism & the Lord's Supper were administered - Messrs. J.S. McCutchan & W.W. Pharr assisting. ~

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Meeting of Session

R. River

No. 83.

Sep. 13. 1844

Session of Rocky River church met. The Modr. being absent, Rev. C. Johnston was requested to act as Modr. - The meeting was opened with prayer. ~ After due examination, the following persons were admitted to priviledges [sic] as members in full communion ~ viz. Mr. Samuel H. White - & Mumford, Servt. of Mr. J. Phifer. ~

Adjourned - concluded with prayer ~

J.M. Black - clk. pro Tem.

Sharon church, March 28th 1845 -

Thus far examined & approved by Presbytery ~ H.B. Cunningham,

Moderator

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Annual Sessional Report
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from April 4th 1844 to March 28th 1845. --

Communicants -

Total in Communion from last report: 495

Members since added on examination: 8

Members since added on certificate: 2

Died: 19

Dismissed: 13

Suspended:

Total Communicants: 473

Baptisms since last report -

Adults: 2

Infants: 19

Total: ;21

Collections since lat report -

For Ass. Board of For. Miss.: 53.

For Ass. Board of Do. Miss.:

For Com. Fund: 7.50

For Theol. Fund:

Education of Poor & Pious Youth for Gen. Miss.: 15.

For Publications: 40.

Dated March 28th 1845 - Signed. Danl. A. Penick - Modr.

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Meeting of Session

R. River Session House

No. 84.

May 2.nd 1845

Session of R. River church met at the call of the Modr. - Present the Modr. & All the members. - Constituted with prayer. --

After a careful examination, the following persons were received into full communion - viz. ~

Wm. G. Newell

Margaret M. Harris

John Stogner

Mary Jane Rogers

Athalia Stogner

Paul D. Furr

Margaret M. White

Martha Scott

Sarah Ann Mehaffee

John C. Sosssamon [sic]

Cresida B. Harris

Dorcas S. Harris

Penelope C. Stansel

Allison F. Woods

Margaret B. Hedley

Amey - Servt. of Soln. Harris.

Elizabeth White

Mary Ann Hedley

Sarah L. White

Salina M. White

Miss Harriet Cathy was recd. by certif. from Steele Creek church -

Mrs. Susan Cosby “ “ “ Greensboro Do.

Mrs. Cresida S. Newell “ “ “ Meth. E. --- Do.

Mrs. Sarah Ann Allison was dismissed at her own request to connect herself with Concord church. ~

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After all which, adjourned - concluded with prayer. -

Note on Sabbath. The sacrament of Baptism & the Lord's Supper were administered -

The audience very large & hopefully solemn - Rev. Mr. Kerr assisting. ~

Meeting of Session

R. River

No. 85.

Sept. 6 - 1845

Session met - constituted with prayer -

Rev. J.E. Morrison, in the absence of the pastor, acted as Modr. -

The following persons, after due examination, were admitted to full communion viz

Elizabeth M. Pharr

Asenith McClelland

Margaret Ann Cochran

Martha J. Hadley

Martha C. [?] Irwin

Jane S. Pharr

Elam M. Query

Saml. S. Caldwell

Sophia - Servt. of J. Phifer

Molly - Do. of T.H. White

An___ - Do. of Dr. Gibson - under sentence of suspension, was restored to priviledges

[sic]. Adjourned - concluded with prayer -

Walter F. Pharr - clk. pro tem.

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Meeting of Session	R. River
No. 86	Nov. 2 1845

Session met at the call of the Modr. - All present except Mr. Black. - constituted with prayer. After conversation with Mr. Wm. Andrew, who has been for some time under sentence of suspension: - Session having good hope of his repentance & reformation, resolved to restore him to full communion in the church. The announcement was accordingly made. Adjourned to attend preaching. -- Danl. A. Penick clk.

Meeting of Session	R. River Ch.
No. 87.	Feby. 5. 1846

Session met at the call of the Mōdr. - All the members present, except Mr. Caldwell -
Constituted with prayer. The following record was ordered ~
Whereas Common Fame charges Henderson, Servt. of Miss E.A. Ross with having stolen
a parcel of wheat from Mr. J.B. Ross about the last day of Aug. last - the wheat having
been found in his possession: Therefore resolved that he be cited to meet this Session at
this place on Sat. 28th inst. at 10. oclk. A.M. & answer to the said charge. ~ Ordered that
Messrs. J.B. Ross & James Henly be cited to attend as witnesses at the same time & place.
Adjourned into the church for publick [sic] worship ~ Danl. A. Penick - clk.

Meeting of Session	R. River church
No. 88.	Feby. 28th 1846

Session met according to adjournment - present the Modr. - with Messrs. J.M. Black,
W.F. Pharr, D. White, & A. McClarty - Constituted with prayer.

Neither the defendent [sic] who was expected to be tried to day, nor either of the

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witnesses was present. - Session was satisfied that citations had been duly served. -

Whereupon resolved that inasmuch as the witnesses of this case are not members either of this church or congregation; Col. W.F. Pharr, & J.M. Black with the Modr. be & they hereby are appointed a commission to take the testimony of Messrs. J.B. Moss & J. Henly in the case now pending in this Session, at the Mill of Mr. John Gibson, on Thurs. the 12th of March next at 11 oclk. A.M. & that the defendent [sic] & the witnesses be duly cited to attend.

Resolved that Session meet here on Sat. the 21st of March next at 10 oclk. a.m. for the purpose of issuing this case, and that the defendent [sic] be duly cited to attend.

Resolved also that Mr. H.P. Townsend, & Ned, Servt. of Dr. Gibson, formerly of J. Phifer dec., be cited to attend as witnesses in the case. ~

Adjourned to meet here on Sat. 21st March next at 10. oclk. a.m. - Concluded with prayer.

Danl. A. Penick - clk.

Meeting of Session

R. River church

No. 88 -

March 21 - 1846 -

Session met according to Adjournment - The following members were present - viz -

Rev. D.A. Penick - modr.

Col. D. White

Col. W.F. Pharr

Mr. R. Caldwell

“ E. McClartey &

“ J.S. McClartey - Constituted with prayer by the Modr. --

Whereas Anthony, Serv. of Mr. E. Stafford, has been induced by the instigation of his wife, as appears from the report of the elder of his quarter, & by his own confession - (he being present -) to participate with her in trafficking [sic] in stolen property; ~ Inasmuch as this is the first offence [sic] of the kind - as he confesses his Sin in the case - professes to be sincerely sorry for what he has done - & promises faithfully to avoid every thing of the kind in future; - Resolved, in view of the whole case that Anthony receive a Sharp reproof & a Solemn warning from the Modr. in the presence of the Session, & the case be thus dismissed: ~ Which was done. ~

The case of Henderson, serv. of Miss E.A. Ross was then taken up. Henderson was present & professed to be ready for trial. He was asked whether he was guilty of the charge - (see page 125 [in original] -) said he had taken some wheat to Mr. J. Gibson's mill for Ned - serv. of Dr. Gibson - but that he did not know that it was stolen wheat -

The Commission that had been appointed to take testimony of Messrs. Moss & Henly, reported as follows - viz. --

J. Gibson's Mill - March 12. 1846 -

In persuance [sic] of a commission from R. River Session directing that the Rev. D.A. Penick, J.M. Black, & W.F. Pharr meet at J. Gibson's mill for the purpose of taking the testimony of Mr. J.B. Moss & James Henly in a case - R. River Session against Henderson - serv. of Miss E.A. Ross, upon the charge of having stolen wheat in his possession: - We, the undersigned, having met according to appointment, proceeded to take the testimony - as follows - viz -

The witnesses having been duly sworn - Mr. J.B. Moss testified that he had lost wheat & that the wheat which was shown to him by James Henly he believes & knows to be a part of his wheat.

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Ques. by Mr. H.P. Townsend - Have you any reason to believe that Henderson stole the wheat - only that he had it in his possession? Ans. - No. --

James Henly testified that Henderson had brought two hundred bushels of wheat to mill, which he believed to be Mr. J.B. Moss's wheat - out of which he had preserved the specimen which presented to Mr. Moss. --

Ques. - At what time of day did he bring the wheat to mill? Ans. About dinner time. --

Ques. What did Henderson say respecting the wheat when he came after the grist? Ans. He said that he would be glad to get it ground, for he wanted it for the meeting, for one bushel of it was his.

Ques. by H.P. Townsend - Was there any mixture in the wheat? Ans. No. --

Ques. to Mr. Moss - Had you sold any wheat previous to the time this wheat was stolen?

Ans. No. -

March 12. 1846 -

J. M. Black

Com. -

Walter F. Pharr

Mr. H. P. Townsend, having been sworn - testified that he, with Bird, Serv. of Mr. W. Phifer, went with Henderson, on the night after the wheat had been discovered to be stolen, to the house of Ned, Serv. of Dr. Gibson, & secreted himself whilst Henderson talked with Ned - that then & there he heard Ned confess to Henderson that he (N.) had employed him (H.) to take the wheat to the mill - & that he (N.) had gotten the wheat from Wilson, Serv. of D. Lightaker. ~

Ques. to Mr. Townsend - Did Henderson leave your business & use your horse to take this wheat to mill without your leave, & in a clandestine manner? Ans. Yes. ~

Ques. to Mr. T - What is the character of Wilson, Serv. of Mr. Lightaker, as to honesty, in the neighborhood? Ans. Not good - very bad. --

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The testimony being through, & after due deliberation, Session resolved unanimsly [sic] that in view of all the testimony & circumstances in the case, in their judgement, Henderson is guilty of the charge. ~

Whereupon it was resolved that Henderson be, & he hereby is suspended from the privilidges [sic] of the church for the space of twelve months from this date. --

Mr. E. McClarty with J.M. Black his alternate was appointed to represent this church at the next meeting of Presby.

Adjourned - Concluded with prayer.

Danl. A. Penick clk.

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Annual Sessional Report
of the Presbyterian Church of Rocky River
form March 28th 1845 to April 1st 1846 -

Communicants -

Total in communion per last report: 473

Members since added on examination: 30

Members since added on certificate: 3

Died: 19

Dismissed: 15

Suspended: 1

Total in communion: 471

Baptisms since last report -

Adults: 7

Infants: 42

Total: 49

Collections since last report -

For Dom. Miss.: 72.98

For For. Miss.: 60.

For Education:

For Board of Publications:

For Theol. Seminary:

For Com. Fund: 7.50

For Conting--- Fund: .50

For Mis--lan-- : 40.

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Statesville. April 6th 1846

Walter W. [?] Pharr Mod.

Meeting of Session

R. River church

No. 89.

April 30th 1846

Session met at the call of the Modr. - All the members present - Constituted with prayer. ~

The following persons were admitted to full communion in the church viz.

By an approved examination

Miss Sarah C. Alexander

“ Esther G. Alexander

“ Dorcas C. Harris

Mr. Elisha Scott

Miss Mary B. King

Mrs. Margaret L. McGinnis

Miss Agnes J. Pharr

“ Catherine M. Irwin

“ Mary B. Phifer

Mr. James H. Dinson

“ Harvy [sic] Spears

“ George L. Phifer

Miss Harriet E. Davis

Elizabeth - Servt. of Mr. J.C. Pharr

Mary Jane - “ “ “ “ “

Minerva - “ “ “ “ “

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By certificate from Monroe church Mi-- [Mississippi ?]

Mrs. Hannah Phillips

Mr. Josiah L. Phillips

Mrs. Margaret A. Phillips

Silas - Servt. of Mr. J.L. Phillips

During the progress of the above examination, Session had several recesses. The business being done, Session adjourned - closed with prayer -

Danl. A. Penick - clk.

Meeting of Session

R.R. church

No. 90.

Sepr. 4th 1846

Session met at the call of the Modr. - present all the members, except Messrs. A. & J.S. McClarty - Constituted with prayer. ~

The following persons applied for admission to full communion - were examined - & re-received [sic] viz.

John - Servt. of Mrs. Mary Harris

Caroline - “ “ Mr. Andrew Davis

Saml. N. Pharr

Elizabeth Jane McAnulty

Seth Hall McAnulty

Mrs. Emily Query presented a certificate from Back Creek church & was received.

Adjourned - concluded with prayer. ~

Danl. A. Penick - clk -

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Annual Sessional Report
of the Presbyterian Church of Rocky River
from Apr. 1. 1846 to Aprl. 7 1847

Communicants -

Added on examination: 21

Added on certificate: 5

Coloured communicants: 125

Died: 11

Dismissed: 10

Suspended:

Total now in communion: 476

Baptisms since last report -

Infants: 21

Adults: 7

Total: 28

Collections since last report -

Domestic Missions: 30.45

For. Missions: 55.77

Education: 22.65

Publication:

Theol. Semy.:

Com. Fund: 7.50

Cont. Fund: .50

Miscellaneous: 82.50

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Bethpage Church April 8th 1847.

Stephen Frontis Modr.

Meeting of Session

R. River

No. 91.

Aprl. 30. 1847

Session met at the call of the Modr. Present the Modr., with Messrs. J. Black - W.F. Pharr, A. McClarty, Col. D. White & J. McClarty - constituted with prayer. Mrs. Mary A. Morrison presented a certificate from New Providence church & was received into full communion. The following persons applied for admission to church privilidges [sic] - were examined, & admitted - viz.

Margaret J. [?] Caldwell

Jane Pharr

Martha E. Bigger

Martha H. Alexander

Henry Pharr

Rebecca - Servt. of Saml. Kimmons

Sam - Servt. of John Caldwell

Adjourned - concluded with prayer. ~

Danl. A. Penick - clk

July 4. 1847 - Note - this day, after Sermon on 1. Tim. 5.17- The following persons having been duly elected & having signified their willingness to accept - were ordained & installed as ruling elders in this congregation - viz. Messrs. John H. White, Sandy McKindley, & Robert H. Morrison. ~

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Meeting of Session - R. River
No. 92. Sept. 1. 1847.

Session met at the call of the Modr. - The following members were present viz. -

Rev. D.A. Penick -Modr.

J.M. Black

D. White

W.F. Pharr

S. McKindley &

J.H. White ~

The meeting was constituted with prayer. ~

After due deliberation & much consultation, the following minutes were unanimously [sic] adopted - viz.

Whereas Common Fame charges Mr. Josiah L. Phillips with having been intoxicated & with having used profane language - 1. On Teusday [sic] of the April court for this county - on his way home from the court house & at the house of Mr. Wm. Stansill: - witnesses Mr. Wm. Stansel - Mr. Arastus Stansel, & Mr. Jas. Clay. - & 2. With having been intoxicated on his way home from Black's election ground on the day of the congressional election - witnesses Mr. W. F. Pharr & Mr. Saml. Morrison: ~ Therefore resolved that the said J. LeRoy Phillips be cited to meet this Session at the Session house on Teusday [sic], the 28th Sept. at 10. oclk. A.M. to answer to the above charges. ~ Resolved that Mr. Phillips be duly furnished with a copy of the above charges & a list of the witnesses. Ordered that the above named witnesses be cited to appear before this Session at the above named time & place. ~ Resolved also that the Said Mr. Phillips be debarred of privileges [sic] untill [sic] this case shall have been issued. ~

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Whereas Common Fame charges Jane Servant of Mr. Levi Parks with the sin of antinuptial [sic] fornication: - Therefore resolved that she be cited to appear before this Session on the aboved [sic] named day - the 28th of Sept. at 11. oclk. A.M. to answer to the said charge. Ordered that Mr. Levi Parks & his wife be cited to attend as witnesses in the case.

Whereas Common Fame charges Caleb, Servt. of Mr. Saml. Kimmons with unchristian conduct - such as is highly reproachful to religion on Sabbath 10th of June last, at the house of Mr. J.F. Irwin - in using profance [sic] language & in stabbing the person of Mr. Robert S. [?] Query - witnesses Mr. J.F. Irwin & his wife Mrs. Irwin - Therefore resolved that he be cited to meet this Session on the above named day, 28th Sept. at 12. oclk. M. [sic] to answer to said charges. ~ Ordered that the witnesses be cited to attend. ~ Resolved also that Caleb be debarred from church priviledges [sic] untill [sic] the case be issued. Adjourned to meet at this place on the 3rd inst. at 9. oclk. A.M. - concluded with prayer.

Danl. A. Penick - clk.

Meeting of Session

R. River

No. 93.

Sept. 3rd 1847.

Session met agreeably to adjournment. ~

Present - Rev. D.A. Penick, Modr.

A. Davis, J.M. Black,

S. McKindley, J.H. White,

D. White, & W.F. Pharr --

The meeting was constituted with prayer -

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The following persons having presented certificates of dismissal & recommendations from their respective churches, were admitted as members of this church - viz. -

Mr. A.M. Brians - By certificate from Concord church.

Mrs. Margaret McClelland - “ “ Union “

“ Elizabeth J. Killough - “ “ Valley Creek “ Ala.

Mr. Charles C. McGinnis - “ “ Mallard Creek “

The following persons were received by examination on experimental religion. viz --

Miss Harriet W. Bradshaw

“ Catherine E. Smith

Mr. Wm. O. McAnulty ~

Mr. Samuel Harris appeared before Session & stated that his servant man, Anderson, had been guilty of the sin of fornication - & requested that he should be dealt with accordingly. Whereupon it was resolved that Anderson be cited to meet the Session at this place on Tues. 28th ins. at 12. oclk. N. to answer to the charge- That Mr. S.C. Harris be the prosecutor - & Maria servt. girl of M. [Mr.] S.C. Harris be the witness. ~ Ordered that all the parties be duly cited to attend. Resolved that Anderson be debarred of priviledges [sic] until this case be tried. ~ Adjourned to meet here on the 28th ins. at 10. oclk. a.m. - concluded with prayer ~

Danl. A. Penick clk.

Meeting of Session

Session House

No. 94.

Sept. 28. 1847.

Session met according to adjournment. Present Rev. D.A. Penick - Modr.

Mesrs. [sic]. J.M. Black

W.F. Pharr

A. McClartey

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J.H. White &

J.S. McClartey

The meeting was constituted with prayer. ~ Session, having waited for Mr. J. LeRoy Phillips for more than one hour, took up his case. It was ascertained that he & the witnesses had been all duly cited. Mr. Phillips being absent, Session resolved to continue the case & Wed. 6th of Oct. next at 9. oclk. A.M. was appointed as the time for the trial - to take place at the Session house. The witnesses, being all present, were cited to attend, by the Modr., at the above time & place. ~

Ordered that Mr. Phillips be cited again & notified as our Book of Discipline directs. ~

The case of Jane, servant of Mr. Levi Parks, was taken up. She & Mr. Parks were present - Mrs. Parks being unwell. The charge was read. Jane confessed her guilt & professed repentance. Whereupon, after due deliberation & consultation, Session resolved that Jane be, & she hereby is suspended from the privilidges [sic] of the church until she gives further evidence of her repentance. ~

The case of Anderson, Servant of Mr. S.C. Harris, was then taken up. - The parties being present, the charge was read. Anderson confessed that he was guilty - said he felt that he had not done right & that he had been sorry for it ever since it ocured [sic]. After due deliberation, Session resolved unanimously [sic] that Anderson be - & he hereby is suspended from the privilidges [sic] of the church until he give satisfactory evidence of repentance.

The case of Caleb, servant of Mr. Saml. Kimmons, was next taken up. Session was informed that according to directions, none of the parties or witnesses in this case had been cited.

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adjudication of the case. ~ Adjourned to meet here on Thurs. 14th ins. at 2. oclk. P.M. -
Concluded with prayer.

Danl. A. Penick - clk --

Meeting of Session

R. River

No. 96.

Oct. 14th 1847

Session met according to adjournment - present -

D.A. Penick - Modr.

W.F. Pharr, J.M. Black,

A. McClartey, J.S. McClartey,

J.H. White, & R.H. Morrison,

& David White - Constituted with prayer.

Mr. J. LeRoy Phillips & all the witnesses in his case being present - His case was taken up.

Mr. Phillips rendered satisfactory reasons for his absence from the two last meetings of Session. The parties being ready for trial, the charges, as profered [sic] by common Fame against Mr. Phillips, were read. Mr. Phillips confessed that he had drunk too much on teusday [sic] of the April Court, & that he might be guilty of - but did not recollect, having used profane language. He denied the 2nd specification. Session Resolved to hear the testimony, touching the last clause in the 1st specification & on the 2nd specification. ~

The witnesses were Sworn & testified as follows - viz. ~

Mr. Wm. Stansel - that he had heard Mr. Phillips say, several times, at the time & place specified - that he would be God damned if he ever ate bread & wine from under the hand of Mr. Penick again. ~ Ques. by Col. White - was Mr. Phillips very much intoxicated?

Ans. Yes. ~ Ques. by Mr. Phillips - Where did I use that language? Ans. at my house. ~!
approved by witness

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Arustus Stansel - that he rode with Mr. Phillips on his way home from court on the day specified - & that in addition to what his father had testified, he heard him curse his horse, several times, for stumbling with him. ~ approved by witness -

Mr. J. Clay - that he had heard Mr. Phillips, on the same day & several times - use profane language - highly unbecoming a christian [sic]. - approved by witness.

Mr. W.F. Pharr - that he saw Mr. Phillips, on the day specified - on the side of the road, with some other man - some three rods from the road side, sitting, leaning back against a tree: - When asked if that was the election ground, he leaned forward & aside [?] -

Ns. [?] Witnes [sic] saw no appearance of liquor or of drinking near him. ~ Approved by witness -

Mr. Samuel Morrison - that on the day specified - on his way to the election, he saw Mr. Phillips & Milton Morrison on the side of the road - off of their horses - Phillips leading both horses, going into the woods: - When asked, what they were after - one of them said - water. On his return- witness saw them near the same place - both of them asleep. - Witness went to them - awoke Mr. Phillips - whose face, being toward the sun, was very red - Phillips said he had been setting up the night before & that he was there taking care of M. Morrison. -

Witness saw nothing & heard nothing unbecoming in Mr. Phillips. ~ approved by witness.

The testimony being all gone through, Mr. Phillips was fully heard in his defence [sic]. After due deliberation, the vote was taken. - The charge, in the first specification was sustained - in the Second, it was not sustained by a unanims [sic] vote. ~

After further deliberation & consultation, the following minute was addopted [sic] - viz.

Inasmuch as Mr. Phillips confesses the sin of intoxication & admits that he may have used profane language - professes to be truly sorry for having sinned against God &

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brought reproach upon religion - & promises never to be guilty of the like again: -
Inasmuch also as Mr. Phillips presence, confessions, professions & promises indicate not
only his desire to be continued in the church - but his sincere desire & fixed purpose to be
specially on his guard against similar offences [sic] in the future:- Therefore resolved
unanimously that he be actained [?] in connection with the church - but that the Modr. be
directed to give him a faithful reproof & solemn admonition - Which was done - & the
case was dismissed. Session then adjourned to meet here on Wed. 17. Nov. next at 10.
oclk A.M. - Concluded with prayer -

Danl. A. Penick clk.

Meeting of Session	Nov. 17th 1847 -
No. 97.	at Session House -

Session met according to adjournment - present - Rev. D.A. Penick Modr.
J.M. Black, Col. D. White, A. McClartey, J.H. White, J.S. McClartey, & R.H. Morrison -
Constituted with prayer. --

The parties & witnesses being present, the case of Caleb, servt. of S. Kimmons
was taken up. The charge was read. Caleb acknowledged that he was guilty of the
charge. The Session determined, notwithstanding the acknowledgement [sic], to proceed
to take the testimony. ~

Mr. J.F. Irwin, having been sworn, stated that Caleb was at his house on Sab. morning
15th June - that he gave him some jaw - that he ordered him to hush - that he (Caleb)
replied, "I'll be damned if I will" - that he then ordered him to leave the plantation, & that
Caleb said, "he'd be damned if he left that day". -

Ques. by Modr. - Had you given Caleb any provocation? Ans. No. -

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Witness further stated that in the afternoon of the same day - Mr. R. S. Query was at his house & went into his Kitchen to talk with his servant woman - Caleb's wife - Witness heard Caleb say something - could not hear what - Mr. Query asked him if he was talking to him - Caleb put his hand into his pocket & when bid, refused to take it out - Mr. Query struck him - Caleb drew his knife - Mr. Query called for a pistol - presented it at Caleb & demanded the knife, threatening to shoot him - Caleb refused & said, "shoot & be damned" - Mr. Query returned the pistol, --red [?] Caleb - a scuffle ensued & Caleb stabbed Mr. Query in the Side.

Approved by witness

Session concluded that it was unnecessary to hear any further testimony. Caleb was fully heard in defence [sic] of his conduct. -

After due deliberation & mutual consultation, Session, regarding the offence [sic] as of gross & aggravated character, resolved unanimously [sic] that Caleb [The next five lines on the microfilm are blank.]

has already cost an immense sacrifice [sic] of suffering & Life as well was of treasure. & which threatens to continue & to be a war of extermination: - Resolved unanimously [sic] that it be recommended to our congregation to observe the 16th day of Der. next as a day of special humiliation, fasting & prayer - That the God of nations may avert the fearful evils of this war & speedily bring about an honorable peace. ~ Adjourned - Concluded with prayer -

Danl. A. Penick - clk.

Thus far examined and approved

Rocky River church - April 15th 1848.

R.H. Lafferty, Moderator.

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Sessional Report from Rocky River Church from Aprl. 1. 1847 to Aprl. 1. 1848

Communicants -

Added on Examination: 11

Added on certificate: 4

Coloured communicants: 129

Died: 4

Dismissed: 8

Suspended: 1

Total now in communion: 478

Baptisms since last report -

Infants: 37

Adults: 2

Total: 39

Collections since last report -

Dom. Miss.: 31.25

For. Miss.: 78.25

Educan.: 8.30

Publican.:

Theol. Sem.:

Com. Fund: 7.50

Contingt. Fund: 8.50

Miscellaneous:

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Danl. A. Penick - Modr. of Sess.

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Meeting of Session R. R. April 14 . 1848

No. 98 - at Session House -

Session met at the call of the Modr. Present - D.A. Penick modr. - with Messrs. A. Davis,
J.M. Black, E. McClarty, R.H. Morrison, S. McKindley, -- Constituted with prayer. --

The following persons, upon application, after due examination, were received into full
communion -

viz. Mrs. Eve Ann Spears
Miss Martha C. Neeley
Mr. Robert A. Parks

The following persons were received upon certificates - viz -

Mrs. Isabella Smith
Mr. John D. Morrison
Mrs. Catherine Pharr
Mrs. Margaret Morrison
Mrs. Matilda E. Newell
Jane - servant of Mr. John Howie
Mary - servant of Mr. John Caldwell

After several interviews & recesses - Session adjourned on Sabbath morning - concluded
with prayer --

Danl. A. Penick - clk. --

Note - The Presby. of Concord convened in our church on friday [sic] - 14th - 11. oclk - a
full attendance - Continued its Sessions until Tuesday 18th. The meeting was entirely
harmonious, & exceedingly pleasant. - On sabbath [sic], the sacrament of the Lord Supper
was administered - Messrs. R.H. Morrison D.D. & J.M.H. Adams preached on Sabbath -
congregation Large & attentive. ~

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Meeting of Session

R. River

“ No. 99.

Sep. 1. 1848

Session met at the call of the modr. - All the members present - constituted with prayer. -
The following persons, after a careful examination, were received into full communion -
viz.

Mr. John H. Brians

Miss Maria B. Penick

Mr. John B. McClartey

Jane - Servt. of D.A. Penick -

Mrs. Mary Ann White was received by certificate from Concord Town church. - Mr.

Joseph McClellan was dismissed by his own request to Bethel church. ~

After much conversation & solemn deliberation it was ordered that the following minute
be recorded - viz.

Whereas common Fame charges Mr. Robert S. Query with unchristian conduct on
the fourth of July last at Mr. Crosses Store in Mecklenburg Co. in the following
particulars viz. 1. In making a violent assault without provocation upon the person of a
coloured member of this church belonging to Mr. Saml. Kimmons, named Caleb - & 2. In
using profance [sic] language: - Therefore resolved that he, the said R.S. Query be cited to
appear before this Session at this place on teusday [sic] the 19th of Sepr. at 9. oclk. A.M.
& answer to the above charges. It was further ordered that the following persons be cited
as witnesses viz. Messrs. C.W. Spears, W.H. Spears, S.W. Spears, Thos. P. Rogers, &
Cap. N.A. Harrison. -

Ordered that the citations to all the parties be furnished by the clerk on tomorrow morning
for immediate use. - Adjourned - concluded with prayer ~

Danl. A. Penick - clk.

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Meeting of Session

R. River

No. 100.

Sep. 19th 1848

Session met according to previous appointment - Present - Rev. D.A. Penick Modr., with Messrs J.M. Black, W.F. Pharr, S. McKindley, A. McClartey, & D. White - Constituted with prayer. ~

Mr. R. S. Query & several of the witnesses were present. Session resolved to proceed with the case. The charge & specifications were read. Mr. Query acknowledged that he was guilty as charged.

After much conversation with him, during which he confessed that he had sinned against God & his brethren - that he was sorry for what he had done & that a suitable admonition, by the Modr., in the presence of the Session, to Mr. Query for his past mis-conduct, & a solemn admonition to be specially on his guard & circumspect for the time to come. ~ The above order was immediately executed & hopefully submitted to. After which Session adjourned - Concluded with prayer. ~ Danl. A. Penick - clk.

Presby. of Concord in Session, Concord Church

Iredell County N.C. April 5th 1849.

Thus far examined; and approved.

Walter L. [?] Pharr Mod

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Sessional report from R.R. Church from Aprl. 1848 to Aprl. 1849

Communicants -

Added on Exm.:	7
Added on cert.:	10
Coloured:	130
Died:	
Dismissed:	
Suspended:	
Total:	485

Baptisms since last report -

Adults:	1
Infants:	39
Total:	40

Collections since last report -

D. Missions:	35.00
For. Missions:	85.00
Education:	12.20
Publications:	
Theol. Sem.:	
Commissioners:	8.
Contingent Fund:	.50
Miscellaneous:	

April 1st 1849

Danl. A. Penick mod

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Meeting of Session

R.R.

No. 101.

May 4. 1849

Session met at the call of the Modr. -

present -

Rev. D.A. Penick - Modr.

Mr. Andrew Davis

Col. David White

“ W.F. Pharr

Mr. J.H. White

“ A. McClartey

“ Sandy McKindley &

“ J. S. McClartey

Constituted with prayer. ~ The following persons were carefully examined on
experimental religion, & received into full communion - viz

Mrs. Rozilla A. Phifer

Miss Tirza E. Cochran

“ Mary C. Pharr

“ Frances A. McKindley

Miss Martha A. Cochran

“ Frances J. Alexander

Littleton - Servt. of Wm. Caldwell

Levi “ “ Jno. H. Davis

Carolina “ “ Mary B. Phifer

Jane “ “ Jno. A. Davis

Mr. Alfred McCachran

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Mrs. Rebecca Black was received by certificate from the M.E. church at Bethel. -

Session then adjourned - concluded with prayer ~ Danl. A. Penick - clk

Note - On Sabbath - the Sacrament of Baptism & the Lord's Supper were administered -

Messrs. Henry Brown of Va. Jno. C. Rankin from India, & A. Baker assisting.

Congregations large & solemnly attentive.

Sessional Meeting

R.R.

No. 102

June 10th 1849

Session met at interval - present Rev. D.A. Penick Modr. with Messrs. J.M. Black, A.

Davis, Col D. White, A. McClarty, & J.S. McClarty - constituted with prayer ~

Ned, a servant of Mr. M.G. Johnston presented himself, with a note from his master, as a candidate for church priviledges [sic]. After a careful examination, he was received as a member into full communion -

Adjourned - concluded with prayer ~

Danl. A. Penick Clk.

Note - A protracted meeting was held in the church which commenced on Thursday 17th Aug. 1849 & continued without intermission for eleven days & nights. Brothers W.W.

Pharr, C. Johnston, J.E. Morrison, & S.C. Pharr & ___ Shi_k [?] were in attendance &

assisted. The two former rendering, under God, effective aid. During the meeting, 32 sermons were delivered, & many exhortations. The presence & agency of the Holy Spirit

to revive Saints & awaken & convert sinners was manifest from the beginning of the

meeting. Many professors lost their hope & numerous sinners were preached in their

hearts - and, as the meeting progressed, these came in crowds to the enquiry [sic] room.

It is hoped that many were daily converted to God. How many in all, will be accurately

known only in the great day. ~

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The means used were the plain, pointed presentations of truth by the preaching of the word & conversation. There was no great excitement of animal feeling & no approach to disorder. Convictions were generally pungent & the evidences of conversion intelligent, clear, & Scriptural. ~ it is most manifestly the work of God. ~ to Him, be all the praise. ~

Sessional Meeting

R. River church

No. 103

Sep. 12th 1849

Session met at the call of the Modr. Present Rev. D.A. Penick Modr. with Messrs. A. Davis, J.M. Black, A. McClarty, S. McKindley, & R.H. Morrison. Constituted with prayer -

Thirty seven persons presented themselves as candidates for admission to church privilidges [sic] - who, after a careful examination on their knowledge & experience of religion, were received into full communion. See pages 451 & 2 - for their names.

Adjd. to friday [sic] morning. 2 [?] oclk. - prayer - D.A. Penick clk.

Meeting of Session

R. River church

No. 104

Sept. 14. 1849

Session met according to adjournment - present as above with the addition of J.H. White - constituted with prayer. After careful examination, upon their applications - thirty other persons were received into full communion - See p. 453

Session then had a recess until tomorrow morning - 9. oclk.

Sat. morning 9. oclk. Session met - present as above - after prayer - twenty one additional persons were received into full communion upon examination, & two by certificate. See pages 453 & 4 - . Adjourned - concluded with prayer.

Dan. A. Penick - clk.

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Meeting of Session

R. River church

No. 105

Feby. 2nd 1850

Session met at the call of the Modr. Present Rev. D.A. Penick Modr-. with Messrs. D. White, J.H. White, S. McKindley, & R.H. Morrison. ~ Constituted with prayer.

After due deliberation, the following minute was adopted ~ Whereas Common Fame charges Mr. Thos. H. Davis, a member of this church, with having been intoxicated & with having behaved in a way very reproachful to religion, in the town of Charlotte, in June last, on the day on which a negro [sic] criminal was executed; Therefore resolved that he be cited to meet this Session at the Session House on Saturday the 16th ins. at 10. oclk. a.m. to answer to the above charges - That he be informed that Messrs. R.H. Morrison & John A Davis are the witnesses in the case & that these brethren be cited to attend as witnesses at the above named time & place. ~

Adjourned to meet here on the 16th ins. at 10. oclk. a.m. - Concluded with prayer -

Dan. A. Penick clk.

Meeting of Session

R. River

No. 106.

Feby. 16 1850

Session met according to adjournment - Present D.A. Penick, J.M. Black, Sandy McKindley, E. McClartey, R.H. Morrison & J.H. White - Constituted with prayer. ~

After waiting two hours, Session took up the case of Mr. T.H. Davis, & being informed that he had been duly cited & his being absent - resolved that the case be continued & that the said Thos. H. Davis & the witnesses before named be cited to meet this Session at this place on Sat. the 2nd of March next at 10 oclk. a.m. for the adjudication of the case.

Adjourned - concluded with prayer. ~

Danl. A. Penick clk.

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Meeting of Session

R. River

No. 107.

March 2nd 1850

Session met according to previous appointment - present - D.A. Penick, J.M. Black, E. McClartey, S. McKindley, & R.H. Morrison - constituted with prayer.

After waiting more than one hour for Mr. T.H. Davis - Session took up & proceeded [sic] with his case, he being still absent. The Session was informed that the citations had been duly served the Second time. The charge was read. Mr. J.M. Black was appointed to manage the case in behalf of Mr. Davis. Mr. R.H. Morrison was sworn & testified that he saw Mr. T.H. Davis in the town of Charlotte on the day on which a negro [sic] was executed in June last - that he talked & acted as a man intoxicated - Witness had no doubt that he was intoxicated - his conduct was highly unbecoming a christian [sic] & reproachful to religion - read & approved by witness. ~

Mr. Sandy McKindley, who cited the accused, stated that on delivering the citation, the accused acknowledged himself to be guilty of the charge - seemed to be penitent - & promised to obey the citation. ~

No other witness being present, & the testimony having been read, Mr. Black was fully heard in Mr. Davis' defence [sic]. After due deliberation, the following minute was adopted - viz. Whereas Mr. T.H. Davis has been twice cited to meet this Session & has failed to do so in both cases without any known case -

Whereas also Mr. Morrison's testimony & Mr. Davis's confessions of guilt to Mr. Kindley [sic] fully sustain the charge preferred against him - & whereas furthermore the cause of religion is suffering serious reproach on account of Mr. Davis's unchristian conduct:

Therefore resolved that the said Thos. H. Davis be, & he hereby is suspended from the priviledges [sic] & communion of the church untill [sic] he shall give satisfactory evidence repentance.

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A communication was received from Mr. Snell, which after some conversation, was laid on the table - & Mesrs. [sic]. S. McKindley & R.H. Morrison were appointed to visit the parties implicated in said communication with a view to a satisfactory adjustment of their difficulties. ~ Adjourned. Concluded with prayer. ~

Danl. A. Penick - Clk.

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Sessional Report from Rocky River Church Aprl. 1849 to Aprl. 1850.

Communicants -

Added on Examination:	100.
Added on certificate:	2.
Coloured:	144
Died:	5
Dismissed:	4.
Suspended:	1.
Total:	575

Baptisms since last report -

Adults:	13.
Infants:	29.
Total:	42.

Collections since last report -

D. Missions:	
For. Missions:	63.60
Education:	30.
Publications:	8.62
Theol. Semy.:	
Commissioners:	7.50
Contingent Fund:	.50
Miscellaneous:	

April 1st 1850

Danl. A. Penick - Modr.

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Meeting of Session

R.R. Session House -

No. 108.

May 3rd 1850

Session met at the call of the Modr. Present - Rev. D.A. Penick. modr. _ & Messrs. A.

Davis, S. McKindley, A. McClarty, Col. D. White, Col. W.F. Pharr, & J.H. White -

Constituted with prayer -

The following persons, after careful examinations, were admitted to full privilidges [sic] as members of the church - viz.

Ruth - Servt. of Mr. S. McKindley

Rachel - do. do. do.

Miss. Tirza A. Wilson

“ Sarah N. Pharr

“ Frances A. White

“ Jane White

Mary - Servt. of J.M. Cochran, Estate

Lucinda - do. W.S. Pharr

Mary - do. S. McKindley

Milly - do. do.

M. Robert R. King

Miss Margaret W. Kirkpatrick

Mr. Robert Turner

Miss Margaret J. Harris

Mrs. Margaret Area (formerly Miss M. Pharr) was dismissed, at her own request thro.

Rev. D.A. Penick, to connect herself with the church in Concord. ~

Adjourned - Concluded with prayer. ~

Danl. A. Penick - clk.

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Note - On Sabbath - The Sacrament of the Supper & Baptism were administered -
Brothers W.W. Pharr, & G.M. Gibbs officiating - the pastor being absent on account of
Sickness. ~

Meeting of Session R.R. Session House

No. 109. June 29th 1850

Session met at the call of the modr. - Present A. McClarty, John M. Black, J.H. White,
Sandy McKindley, & R.H. Morrison. The pastor being absent by reason of Sickness, John
M. Black was appointed Modr. & R.H. Morrison clerk pro. Tem. ~ The meeting was
constituted with prayer. Session then proceeded to the consideration of the two following
items of business for which this meeting was specially called - viz. --

1. Whereas Common Fame charges Mrs. Mary Johnston with the crime of antinuptial
fornication, & whereas she is present this morning with a view to an interview with the
Session on the subject, resolved that an interview be immediately had with Mrs. Johnston.
She was introduced, acknowledged herself guilty of the crime alleged [sic], & made such
professions & gave such evidences of repentance for the same as were deemed
satisfactory: And after due deliberation, Session resolved that the case be presented no
further, that Mrs. Johnston be retained in the communion of the church, & that the facts in
the case be published to the congregation. ~

2. Whereas Common Fame charges W. Eli Newell with having been intoxicated at the
house of Mr. Levi Kluttz on the occasion of an auction held there by the Sheriff, & on
various other occasions, much to the reproach of religion: Therefore resolved that Mr. Eli
Newell be cited to meet this Session at the Session room of R.R. church on friday [sic]
19th July next at 10. oclk. A.M. to defend himself against the foregoing charge. Ordered

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that he be informed that the following persons are the witnesses relyed [sic] on to sustain the charge viz. - Joseph M. Black, Henry Williams, R.J. McEachern, & R.H. Morrison. Ordered also that the clk. issue the foregoing citations to meet here July 19. 10. oclk. a.m. Adjourned, closed with prayer.

Signed John M. Black Modr
pro. Tem
R.H. Morrison clk.

Meeting of Session Rocky River church
No. 110. July 19th 1850 -

Session met according to adjournment - present - Rev. D.A. Penick Modr., with Messrs. J.M. Black, D. White, A. McClarty, S. McKindley, J.H. White, & R.H. Morrison, ruling elders - Constituted with prayer. ~ After having waited a [sic] hour or more, & Mr. Newell not appearing, Session resolved to continue the case of Said Mr. Eli Newell, & that he together with the witnesses before named be duly cited the Second time to meet this Session, in this house, for the final issue of this case, on Sat. the 3rd day of Aug. next at 10. oclk. a.m. ~

After an extended interchange of views, Session ordered the following record -
Whereas Common Fame charges Mr. William Andrew with having been intoxicated, at the Sale at the house of Mr. Wilson Bost dec. on the 9th of May last at Concord & on his way home, on or about the 5th of June last, & on various other occasions, to such an extent & in such a way as to cast much reproach upon the church & religion; Therefore resolved that the said William Andrew be cited to appear before this Session, at the Session house, on Sat. the 3rd day of Aug. next at 10. oclk. a.m. to answer to the above charge.

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Resolved further that he be duly apprised that the following persons are relied on as witnesses - viz. - Messrs. W.S. Spears, A. McClartey, R.H. Morrison, J. McEachern, Pinkney Caldwell - J. Mchaffee, & Wm. Ezekl. Johnston. - Ordered that the clerk issue the citations. ~ Adjourned to meet here on Sat. Aug. 3 at 10. oclk. a.m. - Concluded with prayer. ~ Danl. A. Penick - clk.

Meeting of Session

R. River Church

No. 111

Aug. 3rd 1850 ~

Session met according to adjournment - present Rev. D.A. Penick modr., & Messrs Morrison, A. McClarty, McKindley, Col. D. White, J.H. White, Black, & Pharr - Constituted with prayer.

Session proceeded to take up the case of Mr. W. Andrew. Mr. Andrew being present stated that he was ready for trial. The charge was read. The following witnesses having been duly sworn, testified as follows viz. ~

Mr. A. McClarty stated that he saw Mr. Andrew at Mr. Bost's Sale, & regarded him, from his talk & manner of walking, as intoxicated. - Read & approved ~

Mr. R.H. Morrison stated that he was at Bost's sale - saw Mr. Andrew there - rode part of the way home with him - saw before he mounted his horse that he had been drinking. ~

Ques by the Modr. - Did you converse with Mr. Andrew & regard him as decidedly intoxicated? Ans. I did. ~ Read & approved ~

Mr. J. McEachern stated that Mr. Andrew rode as far as his house on his way home from Bost's sale, & that he talked & acted as he had never seen him do when sober. Ques. by Modr. Did you regard him as evidently intoxicated? Ans. I did - He could not ride steady, but rather reeled from one side to the other. ~ Read & approved ~

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Mr. Jos. Mehaffee stated that he saw two men ride past his house late one evening, about or a little before early harvest, one of whom he took to be Mr. Andrew & whom he thought to be very much under the influence of liquor. He further stated that he saw Mr. A. & rode with him a short distance, on the last tax-paying day at this place, & that he was far more under the influence of liquor than a christian [sic] man ought to be - that he could scarcely [sic] use his tongue to convey an intelligent idea. Read & approved ~

The testimony being closed & Mr. A. having been fully heard in his own defence, & after due deliberation; Session revolved 1. That the charge, so far as the particular specification is concerned, is sustained - but that the charge in its general aspect is not fully sustained for the want of sufficient testimony ~ And 2. That the said W. Andrew be rebuked in the presence of the Session for his past misconduct, & admonished to be specially on his guard & circumspect for the time to come. ~ Which was done. ~

Mr. R.H. Morrison applied in behalf of his sister for a dismission for Mrs. C.C. McKee to connect herself with New Prov. Church Va - Ordered that the clerk furnish the certificate.

The case of Mr. Eli Newell was then taken up. The charge was read. Mr. Newell being still absent & it being ascertained that the citations had been duly served, Col D. White was appointed to manage his case. The following witnesses having been duly sworn, testified as follows, viz. ~

Mr. Jos. M. Black - that he saw Mr. Newell at Kluts' sale, & believed him to be drunk - that he acted as one drunk, so much as that he fell backward off a log on which he was sitting. Ques. by Col. W - might not the log have rolled so as to cause him to fall? Ans. I dont [sic] suppose that the log did roll, or others would have fallen with him. Read & approved ~

Mr. R.G. McEachern stated that he did not see Mr. Newell at Kluts sale, but that he had seen him a few days afterwards & on several other occasions, at his own house, very

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drunk so much so that he could scarcely [sic] walk without holding to something & could not converse intelligently. He cursed his son using such profane language as he is not accustomed to use. ~ Ques. by Col. W. What provoked him to use profane language? He said it was his son's not staying at home & attending to his work. Ques. by Col. Pharr - Did you ever hear him make such complaints against his son when duly sober? Ans. No - He is then entirely civil & peaceable [sic]. - Read & approved ~

Mr. R.H. Morrison stated that he saw Mr. Newell at Kluts' sale - saw him walk across the yard, staggering as he walked, & take his seat on a log. Ques. by Mr. Black - do you know Mr. N. well enough to judge whether he was drunk or not? Ans. Yes. ~ Ques. by Modr. - Did you regard him as drunk on that day? Ans. Yes. ~ Ques. by Col. W. - Did you see him fall off the log? Ans. No. Read & approved. ~

The testimony being closed, Co. White was fully heard in defence of the accused: And then after due deliberation, it was resolved that on the solemn judgement of the Session, Mr. Eli Newell is guilty of the charges as preferred [sic] by Com. Fame & sustained by the testimony; that he be, as he hereby is, suspended from the priviledges [sic] of the church until he give satisfactory evidence of repentance. ~

Ordered that the decision in the above case together with the case of Mrs. Mary Johnston, be published by the pastor tomorrow morning - Which was done. ~ Adjourned - Concluded with prayer ~

Danl. A. Penick - clk.

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Meeting of Session

R. River

No. 112.

Aug. 30. 1850

Session met at the call of the modr. - present Rev. D.A. Penick, with Messrs Davis, Pharr,
Black, S. McKindley, A. McClarty, J.H. White, Col. D. White & J.S. McClarty -

Constituted with prayer. ~

The following persons, upon application, were received into full communication, as
members of this church - viz. -

By certificate from Bethel church - Mrs. E.H. McEachern

“ “ “ Back Creek - “ Sarah Query

By examination - - - - Miss Margaret J. Orr

“ “ - - - “ Sophia E. Orr

“ “ - - - “ Elizabeth J. Nicholson

“ “ - - - “ Nancy L. Wallace

“ “ - - - Venas - Servt. of D. Alexander

Adjourned - concluded with prayer ~

Danl. A. Penick - clk.

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Sessional Report of R. River Church from April. 1850 to April 1851.

Communicants -

Added on Examination:	19.
Added on certificate:	2.
Coloured communicants:	151.
Total of communicants:	587.

Baptized -

Adults:	6.
Infants:	36.
Whole no. of families in the congregation:	200.

Funds Collected -

D. Missions:	44.
F. Missions:	74.
Education:	64.
Publications:	13.
Presbyterial:	8.
Congregational:	594.
Miscellaneous:	38.

April 1st 1851. ~

Danl. A. Penick - Modr.

Thus far examined & approved

Unity Rowan Co. N.C. April 11th 1857

J.M.H. Adams Moderator.

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Meeting of Session

R. River

No. 113.

May 2nd 1851

Session met at the call of the moderator - present Messrs. A. Davis, J.H. White, S.

McKindley, J. McClartey & the Modr. -- Constituted with prayer. ~

The following persons, after due examination, were received into full communion ~ viz. ~

Washington Lindley McClartey

Jinny - Servt. of Mrs. Z. [?] Penick - & the following - viz

Mr. Silas C. Lindsley

Mrs. Amelia Lindsley &

Miss Mary C. Lerch [?] [all] by certificate from Lincolnton church

After which, Session adjourned - Closed with prayer. ~

Danl. A. Penick - clk -

Meeting of Session

Oct. 2. 1851.

No. 114.

Session of Rocky River church convened at the Session house at the call of the Modr. -

The following members were present, viz. Rev. D.A. Penick Modr. & Messrs D. White, J. M. Black, J.H. White, S. McKindley, R.H. Morrison, J. McClartey, & W.F. Pharr, ruling elders.

The meeting was constituted with prayer. The following persons, on application, were examined on experimental religion & received into full communion - viz. -

Miss Jane Elvira Smith

Mrs. Elizabeth McCurdy

Mr. William G. Steagall. ~

On Sabbath morning, Session adjourned. Concluded with prayer. ~ Danl. A. Penick. clk.

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N.B. The Synod of N. C. met in our church on the 9th of Oct. 1851. at 11. ocl. a.m. & was opened with a sermon by Rev. J.A. Gretten [?] - There were between 50 & 60 members of Synod in attendance. The weather was pleasant, & it was a delightful meeting. On Sabbath the Lord's supper was administered to some 6 or 7 hundred persons - Rev. D. Lacy preached in the morning & W.N. Mebane in the afternoon. It was estimated that between 2500 & 3000 persons were present. ~

Meeting of Session

R.R. Session House

No. 115

Feby. 26. 1852

Session met at the call of the modr - All the members present except Col. W.F. Pharr - Constituted with prayer.

Whereas Common Fame charges Jane, Servt. of D.A. Penick with a violation of the 7th com. in having given premature birth to a child - she having no husband - Therefore resolved that she be duly called upon to answer to the above charge. ~ Whereas further - Jane is now present, & the case having been fully stated & explained to her, is perfectly willing to have the case taken up & issued without the usual formalities; Therefore, resolved that the case be now taken up & adjudicated.

Jane confessed that she was guilty of the sin charged against her, & professed & seemed to be truly penitent. The Session having fully heard the accused, & duly considered the case; Resolved unanimously that Jane be suspended from the privilidges [sic] of the church untill [sic] she gives satisfactory evidence of repentance. Jane was then fully apprised of the issue, & duly instructed on the subject. ~ Adjourned.

Concluded with prayer. ~

Danl. A. Penick - clk.

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Sessional Report of R.R. Church from April. 1851 to April. 1852

Communicants -

Added on examination:	5.
Added on certificate:	3.
Coloured communicants:	149
Total communicants:	577

Baptisms -

Adults:	00
Infants:	39
Whole no. of families in the congregation:	200

Funds collected -

D. Missions:	
F. Missions:	82.
Education:	24.
Publication:	22.25
Presbyterial:	8.
Congregational:	800.
Miscellaneous:	23.

Thus for Examined & approved.

April 9th 1852. R.H. Morrison Modr..

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Meeting of Session

R.R. Session House

No. 116.

April 30th 1852

Session met at the call of the Modr. - present Rev. D.A. Penick, W.F. Pharr, D. White, J.H. White, S. McKindley, R.H. Morrison, & J.S. McClarty. Constituted with prayer. The following persons applied for admission to church privileges [sic], were examined on experimental religion, & received, viz. -

Emily Luiza Spears

Mary Morrison Caldwell

Nancy - Servt. E. Johnston

John Nicholson Morgan

Mrs. Mary Morrison was admitted by certificate from Bethel Church. ~

Upon application thro. her father, Mrs. Horton Wynecoff was dismissed to connect herself with the Lutheran church at Concord.

The following record was ordered to be entered. Whereas Common Fame charges Henderson, Servt. of H.P. Townsend with the violation of the 7th commandment in the seduction of Clarasy, servt. girl of A.G. White & lieing [sic] in reference to it, Also with a gross violation of the Sabbath as well as quarrelling with & fighting Hyle, a servt. boy of E.B. Burns about the last of Feby. or first of March 1852 on returning home from Church on which occasion also he used profane language: Therefore Resolved that he be cited to appear before this Session & answer to the above charges & specifications on Tuesday the 6th day of July next at 7. ocl. A.M. & at this place. ~

Ordered that the following witnesses be duly cited . viz. Mr. A.G. White & his servt. girl Clarissa & Mr. J.H. White, also Julia, Bob, & Morris, servts. of Col. Alexander, & Hyle, servt of E.B. Burns. ~

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Adjourned to meet at this place July 6th 1852 - Closed with prayer ~

Danl. A. Penick clk.

Notes - The sacrament of the Lord's supper was administered on Sabbath.

Rev. Messrs. Johnston, Watts, Durwell, & P.T. Penick were present during the meeting.

The two former throughout.

Collections were taken

on Friday [sic] for D. Missions, amounting to \$ [blank]

on Saturday for Contingent fund of this church "

on Sabbath for Bible cause "

Meeting of Session

At Dr. C. Alexander's

No. 117

June 9th 1852

Session met at the call of the Modr. Present Rev. D.A. Penick, Col. D. White, J.H. White, & Sandy McKindley. Constituted with prayer.

Ned, servt. of Dr. Alexr., being very old & bed ridden, upon application & exam. was received into full communion. He was then Baptised, & the Lord's supper administered to him.

Session adjourned - concluded with prayer ~

Danl. A. Penick Clk.

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Meeting of Session

R.R. Session House

No. 118

July 6th 1852 -

Session met according to adjournment - present Rev. D.A. Penick Modr., Col. W.F.

Pharr, Col. D. White, & Messrs. R.H. Morrison, & J.H. White - Constituted with prayer.

The parties in the case set for trial being present & professing a readiness to go into trial: -- Session resolved to proceed to try & issue the case of Henderson, servt. of Mr. H.P. Townsend. -

The charges were read. Henderson confessed that he was guilty of the first & second specifications - viz. his having violated the seventh commandment & his having lied in relation to it - but avowed his innocence as to the other specifications. The witnesses in relation to the first two specifications were discharged.

The following witnesses were then sworn & examined in relation to the remaining specifications & testified as follows viz. --

Julia, servt. of Col. Alexander dec. stated that she was present when Henderson & Hyle quarreled [sic] & fought going home from church - that she & Hyle were walking together behind Henderson - that Henderson slackened his pace till she & Hyle came up - that Henderson asked Hyle if he had not picked up a rock, seized him by the collar, drew his stick over him, jirked [sic] him about, & searched his pockets, but found no rock -- & that afterwards Henderson struck Hyle with the stick, broke the stick over his head, knocked him down, & threw several rocks at him, Hyle having given him no provocation.

Ques. by Col. White - Who was present when Henderson threw the rocks? Ans. Bob.

Ques. by Defendant - Did not I propose to Hyle before I seized him to make it up? Ans.

You said, Hyle we must make it up or fight it out.

Read to witness & approved. ~

Bob, Servt. of Col. Alexander dec. stated that he came up with Henderson & Hyle on their way from church on the Sabbath, Julia being present, & found them quarreling [sic] - that he proposed to them to make it up & both of them agreed to it - that he then passed on & the first he saw was Henderson struck Hyle with a walnut stick, broke the stick, knocked Hyle down, & struck him after he was down - that he pulled him off - that Hyle then approached with a rock - that he then went to Hyle to keep him from striking Henderson with the rock - that Henderson then threw a number of rocks - & that he went back to Henderson & he started to run. ~

Ques. by Mr. McClarty - did either of them swear any? Ans. Yes - both of them swore.

Read & approved ~

Morris, servt. of Col Alexander dec. stated that he was before going from church & was sitting down - that he heard loud swearing behind & looked back when he saw Hyle rising from his all fours, & Bob catch Henderson & take the walnut stick from him - that Henderson then ran up on the side of the hill, stooped down & motioned as if he was throwing something - then Henderson came running down to him with a rock in his hand, crying two against one & swearing very profanely that he would kill the first one that touched him.

Ques. by Modr. - Did Bob seem to be helping Hyle or trying to make peace? Ans. He was trying to make peace.

Julia was called in - Ques. by Modr. Did you hear any profane language on that occasion?

Ans. Yes. - Ques. - by whom? Ans. by both - but Henderson swore the most.

Hyle, Servt. of Mr. E.B. Burns was called, but was not examined. the testimony was here closed - The defendant, who had been furnished with citations for several witnesses upon whom he stated he had not served the citations - having expressed his readiness to go to trial without them.

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Mr. J.H. White was appointed by the Session, at the commencement of the trial & at Henderson's request, to assist him in his defence. ~

The testimony being taken was all read. Henderson & Mr. J.H. White, his assistant were fully heard. ~ After due deliberation, the Session voted unanimously [sic] (except Mr. J.H. White - who was not allowed to vote) that in this judgement the charges with all the specifications are fully sustained by Henderson's confession & by the testimony.

Whereupon it was unanimously [sic] resolved that Henderson be & he hereby is, suspended from the privilidges [sic] of the church untill [sic] he shall give satisfactory evidence of repentance. ~ Ordered that the case be published to the congregation at an early suitable time - with a view of caution & warning especially to our coloured people.

Adjourned - concluded with prayer.

Danl. A. Penick - clk.

Meeting of Session

At. Dr. C. Alexander's

No. 119

June 28th 1852

Session met at the call of the Modr. - Present, Rev. D.A. Penick, Modr. - with Col. D. White, & Messrs. S. McKindley & J.H. White - constituted with prayer. Ned, a very aged servt. of Dr. Alexander presented himself as a candidate for church privilidges [sic]. After a careful examination, as his knowledge & acquaintance with experimental religion, he was received into full communion. As he was very old & infirm, at his special request, he was baptized, & the Lord's supper was administered. ~ After which, Session adjourned - concluded with prayer.

Danl. A. Penick - clk.

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Meeting of Session

R.R. Sess. House

No. 120

Sep. 17th 1852

Session met at the call of the Modr. - present Rev. D.A. Penick, with W.F. Pharr, R.H.

Morrison, J.M. Black, J.S. McClartey, D. White, & J.H. White, elders -

The following persons, upon application, after a careful examination, were received into full communion, viz.

Amay Rosanna - Servt. of John Howie

Miss Frances Maria Alexander

Miss Mary Malissa Erwin

Jane, a servt. of D.A. Penick who had been suspended - appeared & applied to be restored. After conversation with Session having good hope of her repentance, she was restored.

Mr. Thos. H. Davis, being under sentence of suspension, appeared before the Session, professed repentance for his part conduct & requested to be restored. The Session, after a protracted interview with him, being satisfied with the evidences of his repentance, restored him to full communion. - Mr. Davis, who now lives within the bounds of Sugar Creek, then requested a certificate of dismissal for himself & his wife, which was granted.

Adjourned - concluded with prayer. ~

Danl. A. Penick - clk. ~

Note - On Sabbath following - the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered.

Messrs. A. Baker & P.T. Penick, assisting. ~

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Meeting of Session

Session House

No. 121

Nov. 9 - 1852

Session met at the call of the Modr. - present - Rev. D.A. Penick, with Messrs Morrison, S. McKindley, D. White, J.H. White, & J.M. Black - Constituted with prayer. ~

The following record was ordered - Whereas Common Fame charges Mary, Servt. of Jas. Cochran dec. with the sin of adultery - Whereas also Mary is present & has expressed to the Session her perfect willingness to have the charge investigated & the case disposed of without the usual formalities; - Therefore resolved that the case be taken up & prosecuted in a judicial [sic] way.

Whereupon the charge was read to the accused; who confessed that she, having a husband with whom she had lived for a number of years & whom she still owned as a husband, had given birth within a few months to a white child - that she had sinned against God, that she was very sorry for it, & that she hoped to do better for the time to come.

After considerable conversation with her upon the subject, & after due deliberation on the case, it was unanimously [sic] resolved that Mary be, & she hereby is suspended from the priviledges [sic] of the church untill [sic] she shall give satisfactory evidence of repentance.

It was ordered that the case be published to the congregation. ~ Adjourned - concluded with prayer. ~

Danl. A. Penick - clk.

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Sessional Report of R. River Church from April 1852 to April 1853

Communicants -

Added on Exn.:	8
Added on certificate:	1
Coloured communicants:	148
Total of Communicants:	571

Baptisms -

Adults:	3
Infants:	31

Fam. -

Whole No. of families:	200
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Funds Collected -

Domestic Missions:	59.25
Forn. Missions:	69.62
Education:	121.20
Publication:	26.55
Presbyterial:	15.
Congregational:	554.
Miscellaneous:	34.92

Danl. A. Penick - Modr.

Thyatira April 22d 1853

Examined and approved

Samuel C. Pharr Mod.

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Meeting of Session

Session House

No. 122

April 29th 1853

Session met at the call of the Modr. - present Rev. D.A. Penick, J.M. Black, R.H.

Morrison, S. McKindley, J.H. White, J.S. McClartey, J.D. White - Constituted with prayer. The following persons were received into full communion in the church, viz.

Mrs. Elizabeth Johnston - by certificate from Phila. Ch.

And after a satisfactory examination touching their knowledge & experimental religion - as follows -

Dixon B. Penick

Margaret E. Burns

Dovey - Servt. of H.P. Townsend

Linny - Do Miss Elizabeth Harris

Harriet - Do R. Query

Maria - Do Jos. Welch -

Clary - Do J. Bost was advised to defer application to a future time - her knowledge & views of the first principles of religion, & especially of the way of salvation being defective & unsatisfactory. ~

On Sabbath morning, after an interview with those who had been received into the church:

Session adjourned - concluded with prayer. ~

Danl. A. Penick - clk. -

Notes - Sab. May 1st 1853 - The Sacrament of the Lord Supper, & Baptism were administered - Rev. Messrs. J.E. Morrison, & A. Baker assisting.

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Meeting of Session

July 22nd 1853

No. 123

Session met at the call of the Modr. Present Rev. D.A. Penick, Modr. C. W.F. Pharr, Col. D. White, J.H. White, R.H. Morrison, & J.S. McClartey - constituted with prayer ~

Mrs. Louiza Lamira Seventhorp appeared before Session as a candidate for admission to the priviledges [sic] of the church: After a satisfactory conversation with her on the subject of experimental religion, she was unanimously [sic] received into full communion -

Adjourned. Concluded with prayer.

Danl. A. Penick clk.

Note - About this time Rev. D. Baker D.D. held a successful meeting with us.

Meeting of Session

R.R. Church

No. 124

Sep. 8. 1853

Session met at the call of the Modr. - Present Rev. D.A. Penick Modr., with Messrs J.M. Black, S. McKindley, Col D. White, & Col. W.F. Pharr & J.S. McClartey - Constituted with prayer. At several intervals, eighty seven persons, who presented themselves as candidates for church membership, were examined & admitted to full communion. See pages 458-464 [in original records].

Mrs. Margaret J. Snell was received by certificate from Back Creek Church.

Caleb, Servant of Mr. Saml. Kimmons, who had been for some time under sentence of suspension, having given satisfactory evidence of his repentance, was restored to regular standing. ~

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On Sab. following the Sacrament of Baptism was administered to some 24 adults - & the Lord's Supper was administered to some 5 or 600 - all at one sitting. Drs. Morrison & Johnston assisting.

The meeting was an unusually interesting & solemn one. ~ Adjourned - concluded with prayer.

Danl. A. Penick - clk.

Meeting of Session

R.R. Church

No. 125

Sept. 25 - 1853

Session met at the call of the Modr. - All the members present. Constituted with prayer. Miss A. Penick presented herself as a candidate for church membership. After a careful examination on experimental religion she was received into full communion. ~

Danl. A. Penick - clk.

Note - Sep. 25 - 1853 - Messrs. John Caldwell & McAmy A. White, having been previously elected by the congregation, & after appropriate sermon, were ordained & installed as ruling elders in this congregation. It was a solemn service. ~

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Annual Sessional Report of R. R. Church from Aprl. 1853 to Aprl. 1854

Communicants -

Added on examination:	95
Added on certificate:	2
Coloured communicants:	180
Total of communicants:	649

Baptisms -

Adults:	28
Infants:	28

Fam. -

Whole no. of families in the congregation:	200
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Funds Collected -

Domestic Missions:	150.
Foreign Missions:	173.
Education:	515.
Publications:	140.
Presbyterial:	17.
Congregational:	730.
Miscellaneous:	67.

Danl. A. Penick Modr.

Sugar Creek

April 22nd 1854

Thus far examined & approved

T. [?] E. Davis Mod.

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Meeting of Session

R. River

No. 126

April 30 - 1854

Session met at the call of the Modr. - Present Rev. D.A. Penick, Col D. White, J.M.

Black, J.S. McClarty, Mc. A. White, & J. Caldwell - Constituted with prayer ~

Servant of Mr. Isaiah Harris was examined on experimental religion & received into full communion in the church ~ Adjourned - concluded with prayer. ~ Danl. A. Penick - clk.

Meeting of Session

R. River S. House

No. 127.

May 5 - 1854

Session met at the call of the Modr. Present, Rev. D.A. Penick & all the elders. ~

Constituted with prayer. ~ A number of persons presented themselves as candidates for church membership. After carefully examining them as their experimental religion, & their knowledge touching the Sacraments &c - the following persons were admitted to full membership in the church & their names record - See page 464 [in original]. - Adjourned -

Concluded with prayer -

Danl. A. Penick - Clerk ~

Notes - Sat. May 6 - a collection for contingent fund of the church was taken - amounting to \$28.

Sab. 7: - The Sacrament of Bap. & the Supper were administered - Rev. P.T.

Penick assisting. Rev. W.W. Pharr with us on friday [sic] & Sat. - Rev. W. Sheets sick in the neighborhood - not able to be up. ~

Congregation large & solemn. ~

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Meeting of Session

Rocky River

No. 128

Sep. 16 - 1854

Session met at the call of the Modr. Present Rev. D.A. Penick, with Mesrs. [sic]. Black, D. White, J.H. White, McA. White, & on the next day Caldwell & McClarty. Constituted with prayers. ~

The following persons were examined & admitted to full communion in this church viz. -

Thomas - servt. Miles Johnston

Lucinda - " E. Johnston

Harriet Louiza. servt. " "

Henry - " A. Johnston

Laird Harris Alexander

Nancy - servt. ____ [?] L. Phifer

Sally - " " "

Celey Elizabeth - servt. E. Johnston

Mrs. Elizabeth Hedrick (Burns) applied for a certificate of Dismission to Mount Zion church. Ordered to be furnished;

Resolved that Session meet at Session House on friday [sic] 22 inst. at 2 oclck. for Juditial [sic] business - Adjourned. Concluded with prayer - Danl. A. Penick clk ~

Note - on sat. 17 - a collection was taken for contingent fund of congrn. amounting to \$____ [blank in original minutes]. On Sab. the Sacrament of Baptism & the Lord's Supper was administered - Mesrs. [sic] Cunningham & Frontis assisting. ~

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Meeting of Session

R. River

No. 129 --

Sep. 22 - 1854

Session met according to adjournment - Present Rev. D.A. Penick with Mesrs. [sic].

Black, Morrison, McClartey, White, J.H. White, & Caldwell -- Constituted with prayer by the Modr.

Whereas common Fame charges Jesse, servt of S.C. Harris Esqr. with unchristian conduct, in having absconded from his master & an attempt to make his way to a free state; Resolved that said Jesse be cited to appear before Session & answer to said charge.

The said servant Jesse, being present & having heard this charge read, expressed an entire willingness to wave all constitutional preliminaries & to proceed at to trial & final action in the case. The charges being again read, Jesse confessed that he was guilty - that he was sorry for what he had done if it was wrong - & that he does feel at the present like doing the same again. Jesse having been fully heard, Session resolved that he be & hereby is suspended from the privileges [sic] of the church untill [sic] he gives satisfactory evidence of repentance.

The following minute was ordered to be recorded viz. - The Session, having heard various rumors in regard to Mr. Jas. A. Harris - charging him with having placed inferior flour in several parcels of flour which he had packed both for market & for family use; had requested Mr. Harris to attend this meeting. He did so and being present was heard & conversed with f___ [?] in regard to these rumors. His statement being so reasonable & his explanation so satisfactory; The Session, being all entirely satisfied, resolved that the case be dismissed. Mr. Harris was exhorted to guard against all such neglects in future as can possibly lay him liable to such insinuations. ~

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The following minute was also adopted viz - Whereas Common Fame charges Mumford, servt. of Mr. ___ [?] L. Phifer with unchristian conduct, in having in possession & attempting to use a pistol at the house of Mr. Sandy McKindley on Sab. the 3rd of Sep. 1854 in a encounter with George servt. of Joshua Harris - and also with lying: Therefore resolved that he be cited to meet the Session at the Session House on friday [sic] 6th of Oct. next at 2. oclk. P.M. & answer to these charges. The witnesses to be cited are S. McKindley, R. Holbrooks, Sarah & Fanny, servts. of S. McKindley, & George, servt. of J. Harris. Mesrs. [sic]. J.H. White & S. McKindley were directed to serve the citations. Adjourned to meet here on the 6th of Oct. next at 2. oclk. P.M. - Closed with prayer.

Danl. A. Penick - clk.

Meeting of Session

Session House

No. 130

Oct. 6 - 1854

Session met according to adjournment. Present Rev. D.A. Penick, J.M. Black, J. Caldwell, Col. D. White, S. McKindley, & Mc. A. White. ~ After waiting some two hours & Mumford whose case was to be tried did not appear, Session ordered the case to be continued, & this said Mumford with the witnesses before named to be cited to meet the Session at this place on Wednesday next at 2. oclk. P.M. for the final issuing of the case.

Adjourned -

Danl. A. Penick - clk.

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Meeting of Session

Oct. 11th 1854

No. 131.

Session met according to adjournment. Present - Rev. D.A. Penick, Modr., J. Black, J. Caldwell, Col. D. White, S. McKindley, & R.H. Morrison - Constituted with prayer. ~

Session resolved to proceed with the case of Mumford tho. he was still absent. J.M. Black was appointed to manage the case of the defendant in his absence.

Session being satisfied that the parties & witnesses had been duly cited; the charges were read. The following witnesses were introduced, & being duly sworn they testified as follows - viz -

S. McKindley stated that Mumford was at his house on the 1st Sab. of Oct. - that he learned the he (Mumford) had, & had attempted to use a pistol - that he called on Mumford about it - that Mumford on his approach ran off some 1/4 of a mile - that he & his overseer pursued & overtook him - that he found no pistol in his possession & that he denied having had or attempted to use any - that he was whipped by the overseer but still denied it - that soon after this he (Mumford) asked for an interview with witness & that they went to the spot where they had overtaken him - that he (Mumford) pointed to a brier [sic] thicket near by & said that he had thrown the pistol there - & that there they found it - & that it was well loaded.

Read to witness & approved -

George, servt of Joshua Harris stated that he was at Mr. McKindley's on the Sab. that there was no preaching at R. River - that he walked up the lane with Mumford. That they met with two of Mr. McKindley's black girls - that Mumford was about to beat his sister-in-law - that he (witness) interferred [sic] to prevent it - that Mumford then drew a pistol, pointed it at him & threatened to shoot him. He also stated that there had been no quarrel or bad feeling between him & Mumford - Read to witness & approved. ~

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Sarah, servt of S. McKindley stated that she saw Mumford, at the time & occasion specified, draw a pistol, point it at Geo. & heard him threaten to shoot him - that when her Master asked him about it, he denied having had any pistol - that he ran off - & that afterwards the same pistol was brought back - Read to witness & approved.

The testimony was then all read. The defendant was fully heard. The vote being then taken, it was unanimously [sic] resolved that Mumford is guilty of the charge in both of its specifications. Whereupon it was resolved unanimously [sic] that Mumford be & that he hereby is suspended from the priviledges [sic] of the church untill [sic] he shall give satisfactory evidence of repentance, & that this decission [sic] be published to the congregation.

Adjourned - concluded with prayer ~

Danl. A. Penick - clk ~

Meeting of Session

Rocky River

No. 132

March 8th 1855

Session met at the call of the moderator - Present Rev. D.A. Penick, J.M. Black, D. White, J.H. White, Mc. A. White, S. McKindley, & R.H. Morrison - Constituted with prayer. ~

Jane, a servant of Rev. D.A. Penick - charged by C. Fame with the sin of adultery & having been informally requested to meet the Session on the present occasion, being present, it was resolved to take up her case. Jane was asked if she was guilty of the foregoing charge. She answered in the affirmative - confessing that her child was five months old - she having no husband. The course of regular process was explained to her & she was asked if she was willing to wave the constitutional form & have the case disposed of at once. She answered in the affirmative. - Session then had much

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conversation with her. They asking & she answering many questions. - After due deliberation, it was resolved that Jane be & that she hereby is suspended from the priviledges [sic] of the church until she shall give satisfactory evidence of repentance, & that the case be duly published to the congregation. This was Jane's second offence of the same kind. ~ Adjourned --

Concluded with prayer -

Danl. A. Penick. clk.

Note - March 25-/ 55 - Mr. S. McKindley, principal, & Mr. Mc.A. White, alternate, were to attend Presbytery . ~

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Annual Sessional Report of Rocky River Church from April. 1854 to April. 1855

Communicants -

Added on examination:	27
Added on certificate:	00
Coloured Communicants:	195
Total of Communicants:	646

Baptisms -

Adults:	11
Infants:	35

Families -

Whole no. of Families:	200
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Funds collected -

Domestic Missions:	80.
Foreign Missions:	80
Education:	26.
Publication:	42.
Presbyterial:	17.
Congregational:	850
Miscellaneous:	[blank]

Danl. A. Penick Modr.

Goshen Church, April 6th 1855.

Thus far examined and approved.

J. P. Johnston moderator

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Meeting of Session

R.R. Church

No. 133.

May 4th 1855

Session met at the call of the Modr. - Constituted with prayer - Present ~ Rev. D.A.

Penick Modr. & Mesrs. [sic]. J. Caldwell, R.H. Morrison, Mc.A. White, J.H. White, J.S.

McClartey, & S. McKindley - & on Sat. Mr. J.M. Black ~

The following persons were received into full communion of the church viz.

Mrs. Anna L. Harris - by certificate from Thiatyra [sic] Church

James [?] E. Caldwell - after careful examination

Sarah G. Nicholson - “ “ “

Sarah Pharr - “ “ “

John M. Bost - “ “ “

Ptolemy P. Maxwell - “ “ “

Hannah - servt. J.M. Welch - “ “ “

Jane Caroline “ H.S. Pharr - “ “ “

Abram “ J.W. Davis - “ “ “

George “ D. Boger - “ “ “

Session having had an interview with Minerva, servt. of H.P. Townsend, who is under suspension for the sin of Fornication, & who requested to be restored to privilidges [sic], being hopeful of her repentance & future deportment - resolved to grant her request & restore her privilidges [sic] in the church. ~ Adjourned ~ Concluded with prayer ~ Danl.

A. Penick- clk

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Meeting of Session

R. River

No. 134

Aug. 15th 1855

Session met at the call of the Modr. -Present Rev. D.A. Penick, with elders, J.M. Black, R.H. Morrison, John Caldwell, J.S. McClartey, McA. A. White & S. McKindley -
Constituted with prayer. ~

After due deliberation, the following action was had. ~ Whereas Common Fames charges Mr. William Andrew with having been so much intoxicated, on tuesday [sic] of Cabarrus Court at the court house, as to be a serious reproach to religion & as was manifestly inconsistant [sic] with his christian [sic] professions: - Therefore resolved unanimously [sic] that the said W. Andrew be cited to meet this Session at the church on Wednesday the 29th ins. at 1. oclck. P.M. to answer to the above charge. Witnesses Mesrs. [sic]. D. Alexander, Jas. Cochran, Levi Parks, S.W. Spears, & R.H. Morrison. Ordered that the clerk issue the citations. ~

Whereas Common Fame charges Mr. T. L. [?] Martin with being so intoxicated at Harrisburg Depot on Sat. the 11th inst. as to be a marked reproach to religion: Therefore resolved that the said T.L. Martin be cited to meet this Session at the church on Wed. the 29th inst. at 2. oclck. P.M. to answer to the above charge. Witnesses Mesrs. [sic]. John Query, Laird Query, S.C. Harris Esqr. & S. McKindley. Ordered that the clk. issue the citations. Adjourned ~ Concluded with prayer -

Danl. A. Penick - clk.

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Meeting of Session

R- River church

No. 135

Aug. 29th 1855

Session met according to appointment - present Rev. D.A. Penick- with Mesrs. [sic]. R.H. Morrison, J. Caldwell, J.H. White, D. White, J.S. McClartey, McA. A. White, S. McKindley, & J.M. Black - Constituted with prayer.

The Session, having waited one hour after the time appointed, resolved to take up the case of Mr. W. Andrew, who did not appear.

It was ascertained that Mr. Andrew & the witnesses were duly cited. Two members of Session stated that Mr Andrew had acknowledged to him that he was guilty of the charge, that he was very sorry for his conduct, & that he was too much ashamed of it to appear before the Session.

It was resolved that the case be continued, that Mr. Andrew be cited the second time to meet this Session at this place on Monday the 17th of Sepr. ____ [?] at 2. oclck. P.M. & answer to the charge which stands against him, & that as he has confessed his guilt to two of our number, the attendance of the witnesses be dispensed with. ~

It was then resolved, it being some 1/2 hour past two oclck. to take up the case of Mr. J.L. Martin. Mr. Martin was present. The witnesses also were all present. ~

The charge was read. Mr. Martin confessed that he was guilty of the charge. The examination of the witnesses was dispensed with & they dismissed. Session had much conversation with Mr. Martin. He professed repentance for the offence which he had committed, & expressed a willingness to submit the case to the decission [sic] of the Session. ~ After due deliberation & consultation, it was resolved unanimously [sic] that inasmuch as this is a second & unaggravated offence, being publick [sic] & very reproachful to religion, altho. Mr. Martin confesses his guilt & professes repentance - nevertheless, in order that he may ____ [?] by suitable ____ [?] the genuineness of his

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repentance, the stability of his _____ [?] to abstain from a similar offence in future, & thus wipe off the reproach from religion, he be & hereby is suspended from the privilidges [sic] of the church for the present - i.e. untill [sic] he shall give satisfactory evidence of repentance. It was ordered that the case be stated to the congregation at some proper time. After much conversation with & advice to Mr. Martin, & consultation about other matters. Session adjourned to meet here on Mond. 17th Sep. next at 2. oclk. P.M. - Closed with prayer.

Danl. A. Penick - clk.

Note - Mr. J.M. Black principal & Mr. McKindley alternate were appointed to represent this church in presby. in Morganton on the 6th _____ [?]

Meeting of Session

R. River

No. 136

Aug. 31. & Sep. 1. 1855

Session met at the call of the modr. - all the members present - constituted with prayer. The following persons were admitted to church membership after a due examination on experimental religion - viz.

Saml. Penick Erwin

Wm. Shaw White

Josephine Archibald

Henry - servt. Mrs. Nicholson

Caleb - " D. Boger

Mr. Elias C. McClellan [sic] was received upon certificate from the M.E. Church at

Bethel. Jesse - servt. S.C. Harris, & Mumford, servt. G. [?] L. Phifer - under suspension -

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having given satisfactory evidence of repentance, were restored to priviledges [sic]. -

Adjd. - concluded with prayer -

Danl. A. Penick clk.

Meeting of Session

R.R. Church

No. 137

Sep. 17. 1855

Session met according to appointment - Present Rev. D.A. Penick, with Mesrs. [sic]. R.H. Morrison, J. Caldwell, J.M. Black, D. White, S. McKindley, J.H. White, McA. A. White - Constituted with prayer. ~

Mr. Wm. Andrew being present, it was resolved to take up & proceed with his case. ~ The charge as prefered [sic] by C. Fame was read. Mr. Andrew confessed that he was guilty of the charge & professed to be very sorry for what had occurred.

The Session conversed freely with Mr. Andrew, had much consultation & deliberation among themselves after which it was resolved unanimsly [sic] that, notwithstanding Mr. Andrews' confession & professions of repentance, inasmuch as this is not the first offence of the kind & in order that he may exhibit the fruits of repentance; he be suspended from the priviledges [sic] of the church untill [sic] he shall give satisfactory evidence by his fruits of sincere repentance. ~ It was resolved also that this action be reported to the congregation. Adjourned. ~ Concluded with prayer. ~

Danl. A. Penick - clk.

Note - The suspension of Mesrs. [sic] J. L. Martin & W. Andrew was announced to the congregation on Sab. Sep. 23 - 1855. ~

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Annual Sessional Report of Rocky River Church
from Aprl. 1855 to Aprl. 1856

Communicants -

Added on examination:	15
Added on certificate:	3
Coloured Communicants:	202
Total of Communicants:	650

Baptisms -

Adults:	4
Infants:	43

Sab. Scholars -

Sab. scholars:	150
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Funds Collected -

Foreign Missions:	66.
Domestic Missions:	59.
Education:	32.
Publications:	34.
Presbyterial:	17.
Congregational:	770.
Miscellaneous:	535.

April 1st 1856 --

Danl. A. Penick - Modr.

At Hopewell Church April 15th 1856 -

Thus far examined in Presbytery & approved -

R.W. Davis Modr.

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Meeting of Session
No. 138

R.R --
May 2, 1856

Session at the Call of the Modr. - all the members in attendance - Constituted with prayer.
The following persons, upon application, after a careful examination on experimental religion, were admitted to full communion - viz. --

James W. Morrison

Isaack N. Smith

Mary C. Smith

Jane T. Erwin

Martha L. Kirkpatrick

Margaret E.E. Caldwell

George W. Caldwell

John - Servt. of H. P. Townsend

Martha - " --- "

Jemima - " --- "

Catherine Reed - free woman - living with W. Harrell

Sam - Servt. Levi Parks

Jane - " W. Beaver

Emily - " G.L. Phifer

Amy Matilda - " W.S. Pharr

Henderson, servant of H.P. Townsend, who had been for some years under sentence of suspension - appeared before Session - made satisfactory confession of his sin & gave \satisfactory evidence of repentance - whereupon he was restored to the priviledges [sic] of the church.

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It was stated to this Session that Catherine - servt. of E.E. Burns, had given birth to an illegitimate child. Catherine being present of her own accord, confessed that she was guilty of the sin charged, & expressed a wish that the Session should act upon the case fully without the delay & formality of a regular judicial [sic] trial: Whereupon, after conversation with Catherine, & due consultation, Catherine was suspended from the priviledges of the church untill she shall give satisfactory evidence of repentance. The sentence to be published to the Congregation. ~

Whereas Common Fame charges Mr. John Stogner with having been intoxicated on the road from Harris Depot.

Therefore resolved that he be cited to appear before this Session, at the church, on Tuesday the 15th day of July next, at 2. oclk. P.M. - to answer to the foregoing charges. Ordered that the following persons be cited to attend as witnesses - viz. Miss Elizabeth Hedly, Mrs. Martha Carter, & Mr. D. [?] Parish & wife & Miss D. Harris. Mr. Stogner, who had applied to have a child Baptized, was informed that he could not enjoy that priviledge untill [sic] the foregoing case was issued. -

Whereas Common Fame charges Lucinda, Servt. of Mr. E. Johnston, with having been intoxicated about Christmas last, at Harris Depot & at the house of S. McKindley, & also both with drunkenness & using profane language about the same time, at an out house of Mr. W.S. Pharr; therefore resolved that she be cited to appear before this Session at the time & place mentioned in the foregoing case to answer to the above charges. Ordered that the following be cited to attend as witnesses - viz - Mary, Hannah, & Rachel, servants of S. McKindley - Sam, servt. of L. Parks - Elick & his wife servts. of W.S. Pharr, & John, servt. of J.C. Harris. -- Adjourned - concluded with prayer -

Danl. A. Penick - clk.

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Note - June 1st - 56 - Rev. Mr. Atkinson preached - presented the claims of the Washington Church & took up a subscription to and in building said church amounting to \$ [blank]

Meeting of Session

R - R - Church

No. 139 -

July 15 -- 56

Session met agreeably to appointment - Present Rev. D.A. Penick Modr., with Messrs Black, Morrison, McKindley, Col. D. White, J.H. White, & Mc. A. White. Constituted with prayer. -

The defendent [sic] & witnesses having been duly cited & being all present; it was resolved to proceed in the case of Mr. John Stogner. He expressed his readiness to go into trial. The charge, as tabled, was read. Mr. Stogner confessed that he was guilty of the charges - that he had not only taken a dram, but that he had felt & acted in a manner unbecoming a christian [sic] & reproachful to religion - for all of which he was sincerely sorry, had made confessions to his Maker & had obtained as he hoped his forgiveness - After much conversation with Mr. S., in which he gave satisfactory evidence of repentance for having thus sinned against God, grieved his bretheren, & scandalized the church, & promised to be specifically on his guard & circumspect for the time to come: It was unanimously resolved that the Modr. give to Mr. S. a suitable reproof & admonition, & that the case be dismissed. It was ordered that a statement of the facts in this case be made to the congregation.

The case of Lucinda, ____ [?] for this day - she having been duly cited but not being present - was continued & it was ordered that the parties be cited the second time to meet this Session, at this place on saturday [?] the 9th of Aug. next at 2. oclk. P.M. - when the case will be tried & issued.

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Whereas Com. Fame charges Milly, serv. of Mr. E. Johnston, with having forsaken her husband (he being & living in reach of her) & taken up with another man with whom she lives as a husband. Resolved that she be cited to meet this session at the time & place above specified, to answer for such unchristian conduct. Witnesses Mr. I. [?] Snell, the overseer & Adjourned - concluded with prayer. --

Danl. A. Penick - clk.

Note - Sab. July 20 - 56 - Milly, the person named in the foregoing record, appeared in the Session house of her own accord - confessed that she had forsaken her husband & taken up with another man, & gave as her reasons for it that she liked the latter better than she did the former. As the case is to be juditially [sic] investigated, no action was had. ~

Meeting of Session

July 29

No. 140 -

1856

Session met at the call of the Modr. Present Rev. D.A. Penick Modr., with Messrs Morrison, Caldwell, McKindley, McClartey, Mc. A. White, & J.H. White - Constituted with prayer.

The following records were ordered viz. - Whereas C. Fame charges Mr. J. Stogner with having been intoxicated in a drunken spreyn in which he aided & abetted in an unlawful & disgraceful assault upon & abuse of Mr. Henderson Clay on Saturday night July 19th, near the house of G.H. Swaringain [?]: Therefore resolved that he be cited to meet with this Session at the church on Sat. the 9th of Aug. next at 2. ocl. PM - to answer to the above charges - Witnesses to be cited - Mr. G.H. Swairingain & wife - J. [?] Caldwell & Jos. M. Black. Ordered that citations be issued & served. ~

Whereas C. Fame charges Elic, servt. of W.S. Pharr, with having gotten up a dancing frolick [sic] during the last Christmas hollidays [sic], at an out-house of his

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master: with having told lies about it, & with having had several fights on the occasion: Therefore resolved that he be cited to meet this Session at the church on the 9th of Aug. next at 3 1/2 oclk. P.M. to answer to the above charges - Witness - Lucinda - of E. Johnston - John of S.C. Harris, Sam of L. Parks & Nelson - of S. McKindley.

Ordered that citations be issued & served. ~

Whereas C. Fame charges John - servt. of S.C. Harris with having participated in the above named Christmas frolick [sic], with having been engaged in a fight: - Therefore resolved that he be cited to meet this Session at the church on the 9th of Aug. next at 4. oclk. P.M. to answer to the above charges - Witness - Sam of L. Parks - Lucinda of E. Johnston - Elic & his wife of W.S. Pharr & Nelson - of S. McKindley - Ordered that the citations be issued & served.

It being the hour of worship - Session took a recess & went into the house to have preaching.

Danl. A. Penick - clk.

Meeting of Session

Aug. 9. 1856

No. 141 -

Session met according to appointment - present - Rev. D.A. Penick Modr., with Missrs [sic] J. Caldwell, D. White, R.H. Morrison & S. McKindley - Constituted with prayer -

The case of Mr. J. Stogner was taken up. The parties being present & ready for trial, the charges were read. Mr. Stogner confessed that he was intoxicated at the time & place specified - that he was present also when the fight occurred [sic] at G.H.

Swairingain's with Clay - & that he had submitted to the court & its penalty in the case. Opportunity was given to Mr. Stogner to explain & defend his conduct.

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After due consideration: in view of the confessions made by Mr. Stogner - the peculiarly aggravated circumstances of the case - especially the fact that he was so recently before this Session: It was unanimsly [sic] resolved that he, John Stogner be suspended from the privilidges [sic] of the church, untill [sic] he shall give satisfactory evidence of repentance.

Ordered that he whole case be published to the congregation. ~

Caleb, formerly servant of D. Boger, now, of P. Morrison - appeared before Session & confessed that he had committed two faults - viz. that at Phifer & York's Store, at the last April court, he had stolen a cravat from the store, & that when charged with it he had lied in denying it. He professed repentance for his conduct & insisted that he had no intentions of doing so untill [sic] the moment of its occurrence. He expressed a willingness to waive the formalities of a regular trial, & to submit at once to any penalty that this Session might inflict. After consultation & much conversation with Caleb: it was resolved that he be suspended from the privilidges [sic] of the church untill [sic] he shall give satisfactory evidence of repentance. ~ Ordered that the case be published to the congregation.

Session took up the case of Lucinda servt. of E. Johnston. The parties being present, the charges were read. Lucinda confessed that she had been drunk at the Depot as charged, & that she had used profane language at the folick [sic] at Mr. W.S. Pharr's out-house. She also professed to be very sorry for her conduct, & to be determined to do so no more. - After due consideration, it was resolved that Lucinda be suspended from the privilidges [sic] of the church untill [sic] she shall give satisfactory evidence of repentance. - Ordered that the case be publickly [sic] reported. -

Session next took up the case of Milly, servt. of E. Johnston. The charge was read. She confessed her guilt of this charge, & alledged that she was not a christian [sic].

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After much talk with her, & effort to instruct & properly impress her mind: - it was resolved that she be excommunicated form the church. The case to be reported.

The parties being present, Session then took up the case of Elic, servt. of W.S. Pharr. The charges were read. Elick denied that he was guilty. ~ Whereupon the following witnesses were sworn & examined - who testified as follows viz. -

Lucinda - servt. of E. Johnston - that she was at an out-house of Mr. W.S. Pharr, called the Howie house, about christmas [sic]. at a dancing frolick [sic] - that Elic had sent her word by John servt. of S.C. Harris, to go there to the dancing frolick - that Elic opened the door of the house & made on the fire [?] that during the evening Elic had knocked her down - & that he had faught also with Ambrose, servt. of S. [?] Morrison & with Jerry, servt of E. Johnston. - Read to the witness & approved. --

John, servt. of S.C. Harris - that he had appointed a frolick [sic] to be held about last Christmas, at a house of Mr. J. McEachern that cotten [sic] being in the house, this frolick could not be held there - that he went to Elic & told him the circumstances - that Elic proposed to take fire [?], open the door, & make on the fire [?] at the Howie house - that he told Lucinda that Elic had given the use of the Howie house & was gone on to open the house - that during the evening Elic had struck Lucinda, had fought with Jerry, & he understood with Ambrose also. Ques. occasion had Lucinda given Elic to strike her? Ans. None, unless that she defended her brother Jerry whom Elic was fighting. - Read to the witness, & approved. -

Sam - servt. of L. Parks - that he went to the Scott house, now Mr. McEachern's, about Christmas last, to a dancing frolick - that cotton was in the house so that they could not use it - that John was there & told him to go to the Howie house -that Elick was to have a fire made on - that he went to the Howie house & saw Elic taking in some brush to

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the fire - that they had a dance - that Elic had knocked Lucinda down, & fought with Jerry, & he heard with Ambrose also. - Read - to the witness & approved. --

The defendant had no witnesses to be examined. The testimony being closed, the evidence was all read over. The defendant was heard. After due deliberation - Session was of opinion that Elic, who had reported the case to Session at first - representing himself as having accidentally come upon the frolickers [sic] on his way to see a sick neighbor: had lied in making such a representation - that he had aided & abetted in holding the dancing frolick [sic], & that he unjustifiably engaged in two or three fights. -

Whereupon it was unanimously [sic] resolved that Elic be suspended from the privilidges [sic] of the church untill [sic] he shall give satisfactory evidence of repentance. The case to be reported to the congregation. --

John, servt. of S.C. was then put upon trial. The charges were read. John confessed that he was guilty in each particular. Altho. he admitted the impropriety of his conduct & professed repentance: yet, as the case is an aggravated one & as John has been several times before dealt with for midemeanors; it was resolved that he be suspended from the privilidges [sic] of the church, untill [sic] he shall give satisfactory evidence of repentance. Ordered that this action also be stated to the congregation. - Adjourned. Concluded with prayer. -

Danl. A. Penick - clk.

Meeting of Session

R.R. - Church

No. 142

Sep 5. 1856

Session met at the call of the modr. All the members present - Constituted with prayer - The following persons, after due examination as to their christian [sic] knowledge & experience, were received into full communion, viz. -

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Sarah Ann - servt. of Mrs. H.E. Alexander

Matty Gay [?] - " H.P. Townsend

Margaret - " John M. Springs

David - " Geo. L. Phifer

Mary Bernice [?] " Dr. C.A. Alexander

Mr. Edward F. M. Carter

" William L. Stansel

" Alexander H.C. Kirkpatrick

Miss Margaret J. Davis

" Mary F. Penick

Jefferson, servt. of Mr. G.H. Swairingaine, having satisfied the Session as to his repentance, was restored from the sentence of suspension to full communion. - Adjourned
- Concluded with prayer.

Danl. A. Penick clk.

Meeting of Session

R.R ~

No. 143

Feby. 28 - 1857

Session met at the call of the Modr. All the members present - Constituted with prayer.~

After due consultation & deliberation, the following records were ordered to be entered viz. ~ Whereas Common Fame charges Mr. James C. McCachren with having acted in a manner very unbecoming a christian & reproachful to religion in his taking & appropriating to his own use, without leave, money belonging to the firm of Ervin, Huggins & Co. of Charlotte, or to some member of that firm, whilst he was an acting clerk of said firm, during the year of 1854 or 1855 - which charge has recently come to the

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knowledge of this Session; & also in his conduct in reference to said charge: - Therefore resolved that he be cited to appear before this Session, at the Session house, on Monday the 16th of March next at 10. ocl. a.m. to answer to the foregoing charges.

Inasmuch as the witnesses are beyond our jurisdiction - living in the town of Charlotte; resolved that Messrs. J.M. Black, J. Caldwell, & S. McKindley be a commission to meet in the town of Charlotte & take the testimony of said witnesses, viz. Messrs T. Gillespy, & -- Huggins of the firm of Ervine [sic], Huggins & Co., at the store of said firm on friday 13th March next at 11. ocl. A.M. ~ It was further ordered that Mr. McCachren be duly informed of these witnesses & of this appointment. ~

Amy Matilda, servt. of W.S. Pharr, appeared before the Session, & made confession that she had committed the sin of adultery - having had a child & having no husband. She also stated that she was entirely willing to wave the formalities of a regular trial, & to submit to whatever action the Session may now think proper to take.

After due consideration, Amy Matilda was suspended from the privilidges [sic] of the church untill she shall give satisfactory evidence of repentance. ~

Nat. also a Servt. of E.D. McGinnis, appeared before the Session and made confession of the sin of ante-nuptial fornication. He also expressed a willingness to wave [sic] the formalities of a regular trial & to submit to the immediate action of the Session. After consultation, Nat. was suspended from the privilidges [sic] of the church untill [sic] he shall give satisfactory evidence of repentance. ~

Whereas Common Fame charges Mr. J.B. Teater with conduct manifestly unbecoming a christian & highly reproachful to religion, in his indulgence in the free use of profane language therefore resolved that he be cited to appear before this Session, at the Session house, on monday [sic] 18th March next at 12 ocl. N. to answer to the foregoing

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charge. ~ Ordered that Messrs. E.M. Query, J.B. Russell, P.M. Morris, & Wm. Johnston be cited to attend as witnesses, & that Mr. Teater be notified of the fact. ~

Adjourned to meet here on monday [sic] 15th of March next at 10. oclk.A.M. - closed

with prayer ~

Danl. A. Penick - clk

Meeting of Session

R. River

No. 144

March 16th 1857

Session met according to adjournment. Present D. White, J. Caldwell, & S. McKindley. In the absence of the modr., Col. D. White was appointed modr. pro tem. - The meeting was constituted with prayer.

As neither Mr. J.C. McCachren nor Mr. J.B. Teater [sic] is present - understood to be detained by sickness - Session resolved to meet here on saturday [sic] the 28th inst. at 1. oclk. P.M. to try & issue the cases set for today. Ordered that Messrs. J.C. McCachren & J.B. Teater be notified of this appointment, cited to attend & informed that their cases will be issued whether they attend or not - unless there be good reasons why they should not be & also that the witnesses in the case of J. _ [illegible] Teater [sic] be also cited to attend.

By order of Session ~

Dan. A. Penick - clk

Note - March 22 - Mrs. Sarah _ [illegible] King was recd. by certificate from Sugar Creek Church.

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Meeting of Session

R. River

No. 145

March 28 -/57

Session met according to appointment in the foregoing minute. Present D.A. Penick, modr., with Messrs. J.Caldwell, D. White, R.H. Morrison, S. McKindley, J.H. White, & Mr. A.A. White - Constituted with prayer. Session took up the case of James C. McCachren. Mr. McCachren, being present, professed to be ready for trial. The Charges were read. Mr. McCachren denied that he was guilty. - The commission previously appointed to take the testimony of certain witnesses in Charlotte, reported as follows - & their report was adopted viz. -

Charlotte - 13th March 1857

Joel Huggins Store

J.M. Black, J. Caldwell, & S. McKindley appointed commissioners by the Session of R. River church to attend at this time & place to take the testimony of Thos. D. Gillespie, a member of the pres. church of Charlotte, & of Joel A. Huggins, in a case now before said Session, in which James C. McCachren, a member of said church is charged with conduct unbecoming a christian, Having not at this time & place designated - (of which due notice had been given to the ____ [illegible] said J.C. McCachren) provided to take the evidence of Joel A. Huggins & T.D. Gillespie. (The accused was not present.) Thos. D. Gillespie, having been duly sworn, testified that in the year 1854 or 1855, whilst J.C. McCachren was acting as a clerk for Irwin, Huggins & Co. - He (T.D.G.) deposited a certain sum of money in the cash drawer & stated to his partners & clerks that as the money was intended for a special purpose, it must not be used. A few days thereafter, he counted the packages & found \$30.- deficiency. He inquired of his partners & clerks if they had used any of the money. They said No. J.C. McCachren had stated when he entered the store that he had no money. He had bought several articles & paid for them. This induced him (T.D.G.) to

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doubt his (J.C.McC.) poverty & to charge him with having appropriated the missing money. He replied "I have not money." Then you must give your notes for it (T.D.G.) - some two or three months afterwards, he gave his notes for the lost money, & has since taken up his notes.

Joel A. Huggins, having been duly qualified, Testified that as the money belonged entirely to T.D. Gillespie - he knew nothing about the transaction. That J.C. McCachren had stated to him that Mr. Gillespie charged him with taking the money - but that he was innocent. That Irvin , Huggins & Co. had the same clerks before & after J.C. McCachren's insidences [?] with them, & that they had never missed any good at any time except whilst he was in their employment, & that during that time several items of value in the store were removed.

J.M. Black

John Caldwell

Sandy McKindley

The defendant offered no testimony but said that he could prove, if he chose, that he had collected some \$30. or 40. - about the time he went to Charlotte. He was fully heard in his own defence.

The Session after a free & full interchange of views & mature deliberation & consultation on the cases unanimously [sic] adopted the following Resolution - viz. - Resolved that Mr. J.C. McCachren, inasmuch as when he was charged with taking the money by T.D.G. did not deny it, whilst the other clerks did, but said - "I have no money" - did afterwards substantially confess his guilt in giving his notes for the amount & paying it - & also gave us no evidence that he took money with him to Charlotte which he said he could prove if he chose to do so - with which he bought articles whilst there; is guilty of the charges

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alleged against him by Common Fame, & that he be suspended from the priviledges [sic] of the church untill he shall give satisfactory evidences of repentance.

Resolved further that inasmuch as this case is not extensively known in the congregation & as Mr. McC. is so young; it remain discretionary with this Session whether this case be published or not as future developments may require.

Session next took up the case of Mr. Joseph B. Teater [sic]. Mr. T. being present, the charge was read. The accused confessed guilt, professed to be deeply sorry for both the offences [sic] against God & the reproach to religion; & also to be fully determined to avoid a similar offence[sic] in future. After much conversation with on due deliberation on this case: Session unanimously resolved that the Modr. give Mr. T. a strong reproof for his past misconduct as tending to his own ruin & the insufferable scandal of the church; and a sharp admonition for the time to come; & that this case be dismissed. - The above order was immediately complied with. ~

Session then adjourned _____ [illegible] - Concluded with prayer ~

Danl. A. Penick clk

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Annual Sessional Report of Rocky River Church from Apr. 1856 to Apr. 1857

Communicants

Added on Examination:	25
Added on Certificate:	2
Colored Communicants:	143
Total of Communicants:	573

Baptized

Adults:	6
Infants:	32

Sab. Sch.

No. of children in Sab. School & Bible classes:	220
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Funds Collected

Domestic Missions:	52.-
Foreign Missions:	61.-
Education:	37.10
Publication:	30.40
Church Extension:	144.40
Presbyterial:	18.-
Congregational:	758.-
Miscellaneous:	110.

April 1st 1857 -

Danl. A. Penick - clk. of Session.

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The Session further report to Presbytery that since the last report, they have given full opportunities to all the members of the church & congregation to contribute to all the Boards of the church; the results of which are set forth in the above statistical report; and also that they with the congregation have endeavored faithfully to discharge the duties which they owe to their pastor - have attended punctually upon his ministrations of the word & ordinances & other pastoral services, & having paid him a salary of \$650.00, exclusive of private individual donations; promising him, by a vote of the congregation, \$800.00 per annum commencing with 1st Jany. 1857. All which is respectfully reported -
By order of Session.

April 12th 1857

Danl. Penick - clerk of Session
& pastor of the church

Examined & approved to this

Bap (201)

Robert Hett [?] Chapman

Modr. Presby.

Prospect Church

Apl 18th 1857

Meeting of Session

R.R. Church

No. 146 -

May 1. 1857

Session convened at the call of the Modr. Present Rev. D.A. Penick Modr - with Messrs J. Caldwell, J.M. Black, Col. D. White, S. McKindley, J.S. McClarty, & R.H. Morrison, elders. Constituted with prayer. ~

The following persons applied for admittance to full privilidges in the church, were examined & received - viz. ~

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Miss Margaret P. Teeter

Elam - Servt. of Levi Parks

Margaret Clementine - Serv. of Mrs. C. Nicholson

Mary Jane- “ “ “ “

Mira Jane- “ “ Dr. W.M. Houston

Mrs. Martha E. Harris was received by certificate from Sugar Creek Church. Mr. Rob. C. Caldwell also was recd. by certificate from the same. Caleb - Servt. of P. Morrison - under suspension, was restored.

The following records were ordered - viz -

Whereas C. Fame charges Mr. A.D. Cochran with habitual intoxication & profane swearing - as on one occasion, on Sabbath at Back Creek church & on various occasions at Harris Depot - to the serious reproach of religion: Therefore Resolved that he be cited to meet this Session, at this place on Saturday the 16th Inst., at 2. oclk. P.M. to answer to the above charges. ~

Ordered that S. McKindley issue & serve the citation upon A.D. Cochran, & also upon the following persons to attend as witnesses, viz. W.A. Dixon, Elam Query, Robert Query, Robert E. Cochran, W. Johnston, S. McKindley, J.H. Caldwell, & G.W. Caldwell. ~

Whereas C. Fame charges J.B. Teeter with profane swearing & an assault & battery on the person of I. Snell, at Harris Depot - a very short time after he was last before the Session - greatly to the reproach of religion: Therefore Resolved that he be cited to meet this Session, at the church, on Sat. 16th inst. at 3. oclk. P.M. to answer to the above charges. The witnesses to be relied on are S. McKindley, I. Snell, W. Johnston, & Henry Howie. ~ Ordered that S. McKindley serve the citation on all the above parties. ~ Adjourned - concluded with prayer ~ to meet May 15th 1857 - at 2. P.M. ~

Danl. A. Penick - clk.

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Meeting of Session

R. River

No. 147

May 16 - /57

Session met according to adjournment - present Rev. D.A. Penick - Modr, Messrs. D.

White, S. McKindley, & J.S. McClarty elders - Constituted with prayer. ~

In regard to Messrs. A. D. Cochran & J.B. Teeter, who had been ordered to be cited to meet this Session, for trial, to day, one at 2. & the other at 3. oclk - they were not present. Session was satisfied that they had been duly cited. Session received from each of them, however, a written acknowledgement of their guilt of the charges preferred against them, together with a distinct expression of their purposes not to meet the Session, & of their wish to be suspended. Whereupon it was resolved that their cases be continued untill Monday the 16th inst. at 2. oclk. P.M.; that each of them be cited to meet this Session on that day at the hour above specified, & at the church, to answer in person to the charges before made known to them; & that they be informed that on that day their cases will be issued whether they are present or not - their continued absence being regarded as aggravating their offences, depriving them of the benefits of church discipline, & exposing them to a heavier penalty. Adjourned to meet at this place on Mond. 25th May 1857 -
Concluded with prayer -

Danl. A. Penick - clk-

Meeting of Session

R. River

No. 148

May 25th 1857

Session met according to adjournment. Present Rev. D.A. Penick Modr. Elders J.M.

Black, J. Caldwell, S. McKindley, & R.H. Morrison - constituted with prayer.

At half past two oclk., Session proceeded to take up & issue the cases of mr. A.D.

Cochran, being satisfied that the Second citation had been duly served. In his absence,

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Mr. J.M. Black was appointed to conduct his defence [sic]. The charges were read. Inasmuch as Session have in possession a written acknowledgement of his guilt of the charges together with an avowed purpose not to be present on this occasion, & a wish to be suspended from the church; it was resolved that no further testimony is necessary. Mr. Black was heard in behalf of the accused. After due consideration, it was unanimously resolved that inasmuch as Mr. A.D. Cochran has confessed himself to be guilty of habitual profanity & intoxication - behaved very disgracefully on one occasion [sic], when drunk, at Back Creek Church, on the Sabbath day, in the presence of the congregation assembled for divine worship - to the extensive reproach of religion - has acted contumaciously in refusing to meet the Session - & has expressed a wish to be deprived of church privileges: he be excommunicated from the church & the sentence announced to the congregation. ~

Session then proceeded to take up & issue the case of Mr. J.B. Teeter. It was in evidence that the second citation had been served. Mr. Teeter being still absent, Mr. J.S. McClarty was appointed to conduct his defence. The charges were read. He too having sent to this Session a written confession of his guilt of said charges, avowing his purpose not to attend the trial & expressing a wish to be suspended from this church, Session were of opinion that no further evidence was necessary. The defendant [sic] of the accused submitted the case. After due consideration, in view of the fact that Mr. Teeter is not only guilty of the gross unchristian conduct charged against him, but is before us convicted of the same offence the second time to which is superadded another disgraceful crime - both of which were committed in a very short time after he was faithfully dealt with by this Session, when he made many fair promises & was both reproved & admonished, inasmuch also as his conduct is exceedingly reproachful to religion as well as highly contumacious: Session resolved unanimously [sic] that he be

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excommunicated from the church, & that this sentence be duly announced to the congregation. ~ Session adjourned ~ Concluded with prayer -

Danl. A. Penick. clk

Meeting of Session

R. River

No. 149

Sep. 11. 1857

Session met at the call of the Modr. Present Rev. D.A. Penick, Modr., John Caldwell, Sandy McKindley, R.H. Morrison, Col. D. White, J.M. Black, & J.S. McClarty - Constituted with prayer. ~

The following persons were received into the church, after a careful examination, viz. Mrs. Elizabeth Weddington, Miss Elizabeth Virginia Penick, Delia [?], Servt. of S.C. Harris, Margaret, Servt. of S.C. Harris, Saml. Christopher, servt D. Boger, Violet, Servt. J.C. Welch, & Clarissa, Servt. of Joshua Harris. ~

The following record was ordered to be made. Whereas Catherine Reed (a coloured woman) has come before us to day & confessed herself to have been guilty of the sin of adultery, she having an infant child, being unmarried - that she does not feel herself to be a worthy member of this church - & that she is perfectly willing to wave [sic] all the usual forms of regular juditial [sic] process & trial; Resolved that Catherine Reed be & she hereby is suspended from the privilidges of the church until she shall give satisfactory evidence of repentance. Adjourned - concluded with prayer. ~

Danl. A. Penick - clk.

Note - Upon the recommendation of this Session of this church, an election was held to day, (Sep. 12, 1857) in a full congregational meeting - for three additional ruling elders. The following persons were duly chosen - viz. John M. Query, Joseph O. Pharr, & L.C. Kirkpatrick. ~ D.A. Penick - clk

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Note - Jany. 3, 1858 The forementioned elders elect, having signified their acceptance of the office of ruling elder in this congregation; they were, this day duly ordained by prayer & the laying on the hands by the parochial presby. & installed into office.

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Ann. Report to Pres. from Aprl. 1857 to Aprl. 1858

Communicants

Added on Examination:	14
Added on Certificate:	4
Coloured Communicants:	150
Total of Communicants:	568

Baptisms

Adults:	5
Infants:	32

Funds Collected

No. of children in Sab. School & Bible Class:250

Domestic Missions:	64.
Foreign Missions:	90.
Education:	52.
Publication:	90.
Church Extension:	[blank]
Presbyterial:	20.
Congregational:	890.
Miscellaneous:	[blank]

April 1st 1858 ~

Danl. A. Penick - clk.

Examined & approved ____ [illegible] to this date - L.D. Junkin, Modr.

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Meeting of Session

Session house

No. 150

Aprl. 24 - 1858

Session met at the call of the Modr. Present Rev. D.A. Penick Modr. with all the elders except Mr. Caldwell & Kirkpatrick - Constituted with prayer.

Margaret Clementine - servt. of Mrs. C. Nicholson, appeared before Session & made profession that she had violated the 7th Com. in having given birth to a child, she being unmarried. She also expressed an entire willingness to waive all the delays & formalities of a regular judicial process, & to abide by the decession [sic] of the Session to be had at once, upon her confession. Whereupon, after much conversation with her, it was unanimously resolved that Margaret Clementine, being guilty by her own confession of a grievous & aggravated offence [sic], be & that she hereby is suspended from the priviledges of the church until she shall give satisfactory evidence of repentance. Ordered that the fact be published to the congregation.

After much consultation & mature deliberation, the following record was ordered to be made - viz. Whereas Com. Fame charges Mr. R.G. McEachern with unchristian conduct highly reproachful to religion, in having violated the 7th Com., if not in act, yet in having said that he had had illicite [sic] intercourse with Sarah & one or more of her sisters - daughters of Elias McClelland: Therefore resolved unanimously that the said Robert G. McEachern be cited to appear before this Session, at the Session house, on Sat. the 8th day of May next at 2. oclk. P.M., & confess his guilt or defend himself against the same. Ordered that he be duly apprised of this action, cited to attend, & infomred of the witnesses. ~ Ordered that the following persons be cited to attend as witnesses viz.

Joseph S. Black, E.A. Black, Caleb McCurdy, Moses Mesemer, & J.S. McClarty.

Ordered also that the clerk issue the citations & that Messrs. R.H. Morrison & McAmy A.

White serve them. Adjourned - Concluded with prayer. Danl. A. Penick - clk

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Meeting of Session

R.R. church

No. 151.

Aprl. 30 - 1858

Session met at the call of the Modr. All the members present - constituted with prayer.

The following persons, upon application, after careful examination, were received into full communion viz. Miss Martha W. Harris, Mrs. Susan D. Harry, Mrs. Margaret V. _ [?] Treloar, Miss Elizabeth A. Cochran, Miss Elizabeth E. Query, Miss Rose M. King, Mr. Andrew J. Davis, Mr. Tobias A. Linker, Mr. John Treloar, Albert servt. of Mr. R.H. Morrison.

Mr. C.H. McEachern & his wife, Mrs. P. McEachern were received by certificate from this church returned.

Caroline - servt. of M. Ingram, was restored.

Ordered that Smith, servt. of E. Morrison, & Fanny his wife, servt of Dr. Ingram - formerly members of this church - now living ____ [illegible] bounds - have their names entered on the roll. -

Adjourned - Concluded with prayer ~

Danl. A. Penick - clk

Note - Collected May 1 58 for contingent fund \$21. ~

Meeting of Session

May 8th 1858

No. 152

Session met agreeably to appointment on this 24th ____ [illegible] - Present all the members except J.M. Black - Constituted with prayer - D.A. Penick being the Modr. -

It was resolved to take up & proceed with the case of R.G. McEachern. The charges, as prefered [sic] by Common Fame were read. The accused confessed himself to be guilty of

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it in both aspects of it. Whereupon it was resolved that, inasmuch as the defendant has fully confessed his guilt, the witnesses be discharged. ~

The defendant was then fully heard - in which he expressed much sorrow both for having had the illicit intercourse, & indulged in the unjustified conversation charged. He also promised to avoid all such conduct in future. ~

Session had a full & free interchange of views on the case. After which it was resolved that inasmuch as Mr. R.G. McEachern has fully confessed the charges preferred [sic] against him, both as to his acts & his talk - inasmuch also as his conduct has been grossly unchristian, peculiarly aggravated, & extensively circulated to the great reproach of religion: - He be & hereby is suspended from the privileges [sic] of the church untill [sic] he shall give satisfactory evidence of repentance [sic]. It also ordered that the case be published to the congregation. ~ Adjourned - Concluded with prayer - after a solemn admonition & exhortation to the accused. ~

Danl. A. Penick clk.

Note May 9th 1858 - Mr. J.S. McClarty, principal & Mr. J. Caldwell, alternate were appointed to attend the adjd. meeting of Pres. to be on Thursday next at Bethpage church.

Note - Aug. 1858 - Messrs. J. Query, & J.M. Black were appointed principal & alternate to represent this church at Presby. at Franklin. ~

Meeting of Session

R. River

No. 153.

Sep. 10th 1858

Session met at the call of the Modr. - Present all the members - constituted with prayer.

The following persons, after a satisfactory examination, were received into full communion - viz.

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Patsy - servt. of Miss Mary Ann Young

Elick - “ “ Mr. J.W. Means

Nancy - “ “ Mr. J.D. Morrison

Tirza - “ “ Mr. G. L. Phifer

Miss Jane M. Stancel

Mrs. Clarissa C. White was received by certificate from the M.E. Church South. ~

Mr. Andrew D. Parks applied for dismission to Mallard Creek Church. His request was granted & a certificate was ordered. ~

Adjourned -- Concluded with prayer.

Danl. A. Penick - clk -

Note. Oct. 5. 1858 - Mr. L.C. Kirkpatrick with R.H. Morrison, alternate, was appointed to represent this church in Synod at Newburn in Nov. next. ~

Meeting of Session

R. River

No. 154

Jany. 8th 1859

Session met at the call of the Modr. Present Rev. D.A. Penick, with Messrs J.M. Black, J. Caldwell, R.H. Morrison, J.M. Query, J.S. McClarty, & S. McKindley - Constituted with prayer. ~

After due consideration, the following records were ordered to be made - viz. ~

Whereas Common Fame charges Mr. J.N. Morgan with unchristian conduct highly reproachful & dishonoring to religion, resulting from the use of intoxicating drinks, if not habitually, certainly at Harrisburg Depot, on the 1st day of Decr. 1858 - where he was intoxicated & used profane language: Therefore resolved that he be cited to meet this Session & answer to the above charges, at the church, on Saturday, 22nd inst., at 10. oclk.

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A.M. ~ Ordered that he & the following witnesses be duly cited, viz J. Tucker, J.A. Davis, C.W. Spears, E.H. Davis, & R.H. Morrison, & Col. D. White.

Whereas Common Fame charges Mary, servt. of Mr. L. Parks, with the sin of adultery: Therefore resolved that she be cited to meet this Session & answer to the above charges, at the church, on Sat. 22nd inst., at 11. oclk A.M. - Ordered that Mr. & Mrs. L. Parks be cited as witnesses. ~

Whereas Common Fame charges Mary Luiza, Servt. of Mrs. C. Nicholson with the sin of adultery: Resolved that she be cited to meet this Session & answer to the above charge, at the church on Sat. 22nd inst. at 11 1/2 oclk. A.M. - Ordered that Mrs. C. Nicholson & _____ [blank] be cited as witnesses. ~ Adjourned to meet on the 22nd inst. & concluded with prayer~ D.A. Penick clk.

Jan. 16. 1859 - Session , after consultation, determined (one dissenting) to change their mode of taking benevolent contributions - viz. instead of doing it publicly [sic] after preaching in the church on Sabbath, as heretofore; To send a com. to every family, & give every individual in the cong. a chance to contribute to each Board. For the present year, the members of Session were appointed - of whom there are two to each Quarter - who are to be furnished with convenient books - & who are to report to the Session in the course of one month - the names of all contributors to be transfered [sic] into a Book to be kept by the pastor for that purpose. ~

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Meeting of Session

R. River

No. 155

Jany. 22 - 1859

Session met according to adjournment - Present, Rev. D.A. Penick, with Messrs. J.M. Query, S. McKindley, Mc. A. White, Col. D. White, J. Caldwell, L.C. Kirkpatrick, J.M. Black, & J.S. McClarty - constituted with prayer. ~

Took up the case of J.N. Morgan. Mr. Morgan being absent, & Session, being informed that he had been duly cited to attend this meeting, but is now on a visit to his brother-in-law, Rev. G.M. Gibbs; it was resolved to continue the case to the 19th of Feby. next at 10. oclk. A.M. at this place. Ordered that the clk. address a second citation to him by mail Mrs. Rev. G.M. Gibbs, - & that Mr. J. Caldwell cite Mr. E.H. Davis - The witnesses present, viz. Messrs. C.W. Spears, J.A. Davis, & J. Tucker were cited to attend again at the time above specified. ~

Session having no evidence that citations had been served in the case of others the Servant Mary (of E. Parks) or _____ [blank] (of Mrs. Nicholson) it was resolved that they be cited, as before ordered - to meet here on the 19th Feby. next. at 11. oclk. A.M. - Witnesses as before. - Ordered that Mr. J.Caldwell cite Mr. & Mrs. Parks & their servant - & that Col. D. White cite Mrs. Nicholson & her Servant. - Adjourned to meet at the church on Sat. 19th Feby. 1859 0 at 10. oclk. A.M. - Concluded with prayer ~

D.A. Penick clk.

Note - Col. D. White & L.C. Kirkpatrick Esqr. were appointed delegates from this church to the elders convention to be held in Raleigh on the 15th Feby. next.

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Meeting of Session

R. River

No. 156.

Feby. 19th 1859

Session met according to adjournment - present Rev. D.A. Penick Modr., with Messrs. D. White, S. McKindley, J.O. Pharr, R.H. Morrison, L.C. Kirkpatrick, J. Caldwell, & J.M. Query - Constituted with prayer. ~

The case of Mr. J.N. Morgan was taken up. The Session being satisfied that the second citation had been duly served & the witnesses being present proceeded to tryal [sic]. Mr. L.C. Kirkpatrick was appointed to conduct the defence [sic] in the absence of the defedent [sic]. the charge with its specifications was read. ~ The following witnesses were duly sworn, examined, & they testified as follows viz. ~ Mr. C.W. Spears heard J.N. Morgan use profane language, also heard him admit that he was under the influence of liquor; yet he would not have suspected him of drinking, but for that confession. His testimony was read to witnesses & approved. ~

Mr. J.A. Davis saw the defendent [sic] at the depot on the day of sale - he looked as if he had been drinking, but witness did not see him drink any or hear him use any rough language. He acted & talked as if he had been drinking. ~

Read & agreed to

Col. D. White - had a long chat with defendent [sic] - who confessed that he was very sorry that he had treated Mr. Tucker as, & used such profane language as he did at the sale at the Depot - that he was drinking & remembered nothing about what he did or said except what the people had told him. He also said that he had nothing against Tucker, & would have done as he did, if he had not been drinking. ~ Read & approved -

Mr. R.H. Morrison - saw defendent [sic] at the Depot, in a crowd near the wagon - called defendent [sic] to ____ [illegible] - He was drinking and admitted that he was drinking, &

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promised me that he would go home. He appeared to be angry while talking with Mr. Tucker. - Read & approved -

The charge was then read - the testimony was all read - The counsel for defendent [sic] was fully heard. After due deliberation, the vote was taken - Then the charge in both specifications was unanimously [sic] sustained. ~ It was then Resolved unanimously that Mr. J.N. Morgan be suspended from church privilidges [sic] untill [sic] he shall give satisfactory evidence of repentance. It was ordered that this action be published from the pulpit. ~

Session took up the case of Mary Luiza, servant of Mrs. Nicholson. She was present - The charge was read. She confessed that she was guilty of it. - After much conversation with her, & due deliberation - Resolved unanimously that Mary Luiza be suspended from the church until she shall give satisfactory evidence of repentance - & that the case be published.

Emily, servant of S.L. Phifer, being present by invitation - appeared before Session, & confessed that she had been doing very wrong - that she had had several fights, that she had cursed & sworn - that she was rather in the habit of it when mad - that she was not fit to be in the church - & that she was willing to waive all preliminary forms & to have this Session act upon her case now. After much talk with her, Session resolved unanimously that she be suspended from the church untill [sic] she shall give satisfactory evidence of repentance - also that the case be published. -

Nancy - servt. also of S.L. Phifer, being present also be invitation, appeared before Session & confessed that she was guilty of the sin of fornication,, in being with child to Emily's husband, & that she had had a fight with Emily - She _____ [illegible] a willingness also to waive all preliminaries, & to abide by the decession [sic] which the Session shall now see proper to make. After much talk with her also - Session unanimously

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resolved that she be suspended from the church untill [sic] she shall give satisfactory evidence of repentance & that the case be published. ~

Session then took up the case of Mary, servt. of Levi Parks - who was present under regular citation. The charge was read -. The defendent [sic] confessed - guilty. After due instruction & deliberation, as in the other cases, she also, by a unanimus [sic] vote of Session, was suspended from the church until she shall give satisfactory evidence of repentance. This case also was ordered to be published. ~ Session then adjourned, concluded with prayer. ~

Danl. A. Penick - clk.

Note - On Sabbath morning - Feby. 20. - The foregoing orders were complied with - followed by fervent [sic] prayer for the individuals who had been suspended from the communion of the church. ~

Note - March 27 - 59. Mr. Jos. O., Pharr, principal, & Mr. J.M. Query, alternate, were chosen to attend the next meeting of Presby. - at 3rd Creek - April 14th 1859 - at 11. oclk. A.M.

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Communicants

Added on Examination:	17
Added on Certificate:	3
Coloured Communicants:	156
Total of Communicants:	575

Baptized

Adults:	3
Infants:	39

Funds Collected

No of Children in Sab. School & Bible Classes:	250
Dom. Miss.:	145.50
For. Miss.:	135.
Education:	102.50
Publication:	44.~
Church Exten.:	68.50
Presbyterial:	20.75
Congregational:	826
Miscellaneous:	59.40

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Danl. A. Penick clk.

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To the above statistical report, the Session would respectfully append as directed by the standing rules of Presby., the following statements viz. ~

Full opportunities have been given to all the members of the church & congregation to contribute to the several benevolent Boards of our church, not by publick [sic] subscription, as heretofore, but by personal application from house to house - with results such as are set forth in the accompanying statistical report.

Our people & Session have endeavored to discharge faithfully their duties to their pastor; in attending punctually upon his ministrations of the word & ordinances, his catechetical instructions to the children & youth, & his pastoral visitations & instructions to the families. ~ The salary paid to our pastor is \$800. -

Mr. John M. Query, principal, & Mr. John M. Black, alternate, were appointed to represent this church at the fall meeting of Presby. at Franklin, Macon County - neither of whom attended. Their excuses were called for, considered, & sustained.

All which is respectfully reported by order of Session ~ Danl. A. Penick - clk ~
April 12th 1859.

Examined & approved

This April 18th 1859.

Jas. E. Morrison Modr.

Meeting of Session

Session House

No. 157

April 29, 1859

Session met at the call of the Moderator - All the members present - except R.H.

Morrison & McA.A. White - who subsequently attended - Constituted with prayer. ~

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The following persons, upon application, were received into full communion into this church, viz. ~ Green LaFayette - servt. of Dr. C. Alexander & Caroline - servt. of G.L. Morrison, by examination on experimental religion; also Mrs. Margaret Jane Morrison, by certificate from the Methodist Protestant church. Margaret Clementine - servt. of Mrs. Nicholson, under suspension - appeared before Session, & having given satisfactory evidence of repentance of the sins for which she had been suspended; was restored to privilidges [sic] in the church.

Mr T.W. & Mrs. D.C. Davis were dismissed, at their own request, to connect with Centre Church.

Adjourned ~ Concluded with prayer - ~

Danl. A. Penick clk.

Meeting of Session

Sep. 3, 1859

No. 158

Session met at the call of the Modr. - present - Rev. D.A. P., J.M. Black, S. McKindley, J.S. McClartey, J.M. Query, J.O. Pharr, D. White, McA. A. White, & J. Caldwell -
Constituted with prayer. ~

Mr. J.C. McCachren, a member of this church under suspension, appeared before Session, & requested to be restored to church privilidges. After a full & free interview with Mr. McCachren, the Session declined granting the request. Adjourned concluded with prayer.

D.A. Penick clk.

Note -Sep. 4, 1859 - Session being assembled - J.C. McCachren applied thro. the Modr. for a dismission to the church of Mallard Creek. Ordered that the request be granted - the certificate of dismission being accompanied with a full statement of the proceedings of this

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Session in regard to Mr. McCachren. The certificate thus ordered was read to Session, approved, & forwarded by mail. ~

Note - Mr. Jos. O. Pharr, principal; & Mr. J.M. Query, alternate were appointed to attend the next sem. ann. meeting of Pres. to be held at Mills River, on the 9th Sep. 1859.

Meeting of Session

R. River

No. 159

Sep. 11 - 1859

Session met at the call of the modr. present Rev. D.A. Penick Modr-, with Messrs. J.M. Black, J. Caldwell, J.M. Query, J.S. McClarty, D.White, L.C. Kirkpatrick, & R.H. Morrison - Constituted with prayer.

Mr. J.C. McCachren appeared before Session, confessed that he had been deceiving the Session for two years past in denying his guilt of the charges for which he had been tried & suspended; & professed deep sorrow for the theft which he had committed [sic], as well as for the deception which he had practiced in so long & willfully denying it. After which, he again requested to be restored to priviledges in the church with a view to such dismissal & recommendation as would enable him to apply for admission into Columbia Seminary, as a student of Theology. Much conversation was had with Mr. McCachren. When the vote was taken upon compliance with his request; Session declined, for the present, to grant his request - expressing it as their judgment that his offences [sic] were of two gross a character, & his confession of too recent a date, unaccompanied as it is with any fruits of repentence [sic]; to justify a complance [sic] with his wishes.

Adjourned into the house to hear preaching.

Danl. A. Penick clk.

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Meeting of Session

R. River

No. 160.

Sep. 23 - 1859

Session met at the call of the Modr.; present Rev. D.A. Penick, Modr., & all the elders, except McAmy A. White - Constituted with prayers. Various applications for admission to full privilidges [sic] in the church were made. After careful examination, 32 persons were received as full members of the church - see their names in the registry, pages 470, & 471. Capt. John Russell, who had been suspended from this church, then restored, & dismissed to the M.E. Church - from which also, he had been excluded; appeared before Session, made full confession of his multiform, gross & aggravated sins; professed deep repentance; expressed an ardent desire to repair the injury which he had done to religion, as far as possible; & sought to be received again as a member of this church. Much faithful conversation was had with him. He seemed deeply penitent, & was willing to have a full statement of his confession made to the congregation. After due deliberation, he was received again into full communion. The statement above alluded to, was made, he being present. ~

Three persons were received by certificates - See their names in the Registry - pages 471. Mr. William Andrew, & Catherine, servt. of E.B. Burns - who had been for some time, under suspension from privilidges in the church, upon personal application, & manifestation of satisfactory repentance for their sins; were restored to full privilidges in the church. ~ Adjourned ~ concluded with prayer ~ Danl. A. Penick clk.

Note - Our fall communion commenced on friday [sic] & closed on Sabbath. Dr. Morrison & Rev. P.T. Penick assisted throughout. The meeting was a very solemn one. 33 persons were received upon examination, & 5 by certificate. Two that had been suspended were restored. ~

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Meeting of Session

R. River

No. 161.

Decr - 5 - 1859

Session met at the call of the Modr. - present Rev. D.A. Penick Modr. - with Messrs. D. White, J.O. Pharr, R.H. Morrison, L.C. Kirkpatrick, J.M. Black, J.M. Query, & Mc.A. White - Constituted with prayer. ~

Mr. James C. McCachren appeared before Session & renewed his request to be restored to priviledges [sic] in the church. He stated that he had destroyed the certificate of dismission to Mallard Creek church. Thinking it to be of no value to him. His letter requesting a meeting of Session, & setting forth his reasons for requesting to be restored was read. He himself was fully heard as to his views & wishes. ~ The Session, after mature deliberation, & a full & free interchange of views, unanimously [sic] resolved that in view of the very serious character of the offence [sic] for which he was suspended, his long continued duplicity with us, his oft-repeated & bold unreserved denyals [sic] of guilt, & especially the shortness of the time since he confessed these complicated sins as well as the circumstances under which he confessed them; his professions of repentance, being without the fruits, are not satisfactory; & therefore that his request be not granted for the present. - Session affectionately & earnestly counseled [sic] Mr. McCachren - & then adjourned - Concluding with prayer with & for the young man. ~

Danl. A. Penick - clk.

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Meeting of Session

R. River

No. 162

Decr. 19 - 1859

Session met at the call of the Modr. - present rev. D.A. Penick Modr., & Messrs. S. McKindley, D. White, J. Caldwell, J.S. McClartey, J.M. Query, R.H. Morrison, L.C. Kirkpatrick, & McA.A. White - constituted with prayer. ~

A communication through the post office from Mr. E. Snell - containing several charges against Mr. A.W. Harris, was received & read. After much deliberation & a free interchange of views in relation to said communication, it was unanimously [sic] resolved that the said communication be retained for further consideration; & that, in the mean time, Messrs. John Caldwell & John S. McClartey be a committee to wait on Mr. Snell & confer with him, with the view of inducing him to withdraw the said charges - at any rate, all of them except the 1st and 2nd. ~ Adjourned - Concluded with prayer ~

Danl. A. Penick - clk -

Meeting of Session

R.R -

No. 163

Aprl. 7 - 1860

Session met at the call of the Modr - All the members present, except R.H. Morrison. Constituted with prayer. The meeting having been called at the request of Mr. J.C. McCachren, by a letter addressed to the Session, in which he requested to be reinstated into full communion in the church; - The letter was read, & the requested was considered. After a free conversation with Mr. McC - & a full interchange of views among the members - Mr. McC - having repeated his confession of the gross sins for which he had been suspended, professed anew his deep repentance for the same, & assured the Session that by the grace of God should never have occasion to regret it - if they reinstated him: it was resolved that his request be granted - & that Mr. J.C. McCachren be restored to full communion in this church. It was also ordered that this action be published to the congregation. ~ Adjourned - Concluded with prayer ~

Danl. A. Penick clk.

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from April 1st 1859 to April 1st 1860

Communicants

Added on Examination:	37
Added on Certificate:	6
Coloured Communicants:	176
Total of Communicants:	616

Baptized

Adults:	12
Infants:	47

No. of Children in Sab. School & Bible Classes: 250

Funds Collected

Dom. Miss.:	167.45
For. Miss.:	226.10
Education:	774.55
Publications:	25.70
Church Exten.:	20.70
Congregational:	1359.
Miscell.:	50
Total:	2662.95

April 9th 1860 ~ Danl. A. Penick - clk.

To the above statistical report the Session of R. River church respectfully appends, as directed by the sixth standing rule of Pres., the following statements viz. - All the families of our congregation have been visited & the members thereof individually applied to for contributions to the several Boards of the church, with results such as appear in the above statistical report. The word & ordinances of God's house have been regularly administered. The children & youth have been Catechised. Pastoral visitation & instruction have been kept up. Monthly prayer-meetings, at six different points, have been regularly & encouragingly [sic] attended. And our Sabbath Schools, both for the white & coloured population, continue to be well attended & to be effective & promisory of good.

The congregation is now engaged in building a new & more commodius [sic] house of worship - of brick - & at a cost of about \$6000. -- The building is under contract. The amount of salary paid to the pastor is \$800. -- Mr. Jos. O. Pharr, principal & J.M. Query, alternate were appointed to the fall meeting of Pres. - Mr. Pharr reported that he had attended. Mr. J.M. Black & J.S. McClarty are under appointment to attend the meeting at Steel Creek - 12th of April next. -- All which is respectfully reported by order of the Session - April 9th 1860 -

Danl. A. Penick - clk.

Examined & approved

Apl. 14 1860

G.D. Parks

Steel Creek

Mod.

Meeting of Session

R. River

No. 164

May 4th 1860

Session met at the call of the Modr. - Present Rev. D.A. Penick Modr., with elders J.M. Black, J.S. McClarty, Col. D. White, J. Caldwell, S. McKindley, R.H. Morrison, McA. A.. White, J.M. Query, & J.O. Pharr - Constituted with prayer.

The following persons, upon application for church membership, were examined on experimental religion, & received into full communion viz. ~

Thomas M. Park, Winslow F. Spears, Sarah Erixine Jane White, William R. Pharr,
Ellen Amanda, servt. of W. Andrew,
Hattie Elmira - do of J.L. Query,
Samuel Leroy - do of Levi Parks, &
Moses - do of S.E.W. Pharr.

The following persons were received by certificate, viz.

Nathaniel Sims Esqr.	from Bethpage church,
Miss Mary H. Morrison	“ “ “
Mr. David C. Morrison	“ “ “
Mrs. E.J. Caldwell	“ Steele Creek “
“ Mary E. Erwin	“ Pleasant Hill “

Various children were admitted to Baptism - see the record of Baptisms on pages 415, & 416. ~

Sam, servt. of S. McKindley, who had been reported to Session as charged by C. Fame with having stolen corn & sold it clandestinely to a certain white man; appeared before Session, confessed that he was guilty of the charge, that tho, he was sorry for what he had done, he deserved the discipline of the church, & professed to be perfectly willing to wave [sic] all the constitutional preliminaries in cases of juditial [sic] process, & to submit to any juditial [sic] sentence the Session mit [sic] think proper to pass. Whereupon the Session

took up the case juditially [sic], much conversation was had with Sam, & a free exchange of views among the members. After which, with a view to the spiritual edification & safety of the offender, the vindication of the purity & honour of the church, & as a warning to others: it was unanimsly [sic] resolved that Sam be suspended from the privilidges [sic] of the church untill [sic] he shall give satisfactory evidence of repentance; & that this action be published to the congregation. The order to publish was carried by the casting vote of the modr. -

Adjourned - concluded with prayer.

Danl. A. Penick - clk.

Notes - During the occasion, Rev. Messrs. W. Burwell & J.B. Watt assisted - The sacrament of Baptism & the Lord's supper were administered. A new silver communion set, wh. had been procured by the ladies of the congregation - costing \$40.- was used. ~
[The following Note was added sometime after 1935: "It is believed that it was this communion set that was replaced in the fall of 1935 by an individual service."]

Meeting of Session

R.R -

No. 165

Sep. 14 - 1860

Session met at the call of the modr. present at the organization. Rev. D.A. Penick modr, & Messrs. Kirkpatrick, D. White, McKindley, McA. A.. White, Query, & Caldwell. The other members came at different times. Constituted with prayer.

The following persons, after a careful examination as to their knowledge & experience of religion, were received into full communion viz -

Mrs. Mary Ann Sims

Miss Margaret Artimissa Porter

Ruth Eliza - servt. of T.H. McClelland

Betsy Hays - servt. of D.A. Penick

Mary Lucinda - “ “ G.L. Phifer

Linny Adelin - “ “ Saml. Pharr

Jinny - “ “ “ “

Harriet Matilda - “ “ Wilson Bigger

Miss Hannah Elizabeth Spears

“ Elizabeth Amanda Harris

Adjourned - Concluded with prayer.

Danl. A. Penick - clk.

Note - On friday [sic] Sep. 14 - 1860 - fourteen children were Baptized - On Sab., one adult was Baptized. & the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated - The Rev. E.D. Junkin assisting during the occasion ~

Note - Mr. S. McKindley was appointed to attend the called meeting of Pres. in Charlotte on the 25th of Sep. -- Mr. J. Caldwell with R.H. Morrison alternates, to attend the stated meeting on the 18th of Oct. - & Mr. Jos. O. Pharr with L.C. Kirkpatrick, to attend Synod, on the 24th Oct. ~

March 1861 - Mr. John M. Query with Mr. McA. A. White were appointed to attend the Spring Session of Presbytery, at Mallard creek - to commens [sic] April 11th 1861. ~

Annual Report from Aprl. 1 1860 to Aprl. 1. 1861

Communicants

Added on Examination:	18
Added on Certificate:	5
Col. communicants:	170
Total of communicants:	601

Baptized

Adults:	4
Infants:	35

Children in Sab. School & Bible Class:	200
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Funds Collected

For. Miss.:	105.70
Dom. Miss.:	115.40
Education:	--4.20 [illegible]
Publication:	17.
Church Exten.:	25.
Presbyterial:	30.
Congregational:	58--.7- [illegible]
Miscellaneous:	61.75
Total:	6409.79 [difficult to read]

Examined & approved	J. Rumple	Mod.
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Meeting of Session

May 2 1861

No. 167

At Session House

Session met at the call of the moderator. Constituted with prayer. All the members were present during the most of the time.

Sally, a servant of Mrs. H. Alexander, appeared & confessed that she was guilty of the sin of adultery - in having given birth to a child - she being unmarried. She also expressed both a willingness & preference to waive the delay & formalities of a regular trial - that her case might be disposed of at once. After much conversation with her she was unanimously [sic] suspended from the ruling ordinances of the church until she shall give satisfactory evidence of repentance. The case to be published to the congregation. - The following persons, with several intervals of business, were received, after due examination, by certificate, to full communion in this church - Also to have their children baptized viz - for records of members names, page 472 - also of Baptisms - pages 417 & 418. -

Mrs. Martha M. (Ervin) Lipe was dismissed to the Lutheran church, Concord.

Note - The new church was dedicated to the worship of the _____ [illegible] God by a sermon by the pastor from Psl. 122 - 1 - The invocation prayer by Rev. R.A. Davis. The dedicatory prayer by Rev. Henry A. Pharr - the closing prayer by Rev. Walter W. Pharr. The afternoon service prayer by Rev. Wm. W. Pharr - Sermon by Rev. Walter W. Pharr, & Prayer by Rev. D.A. Penick Jr. -

Session Adjourned - closed with prayer.

Danl. A. Penick - clk -

The note is thrown in, not as Sessional business, but as containing historical facts. -
D.A.P.

Meeting of Session

Session House

No. 168

Sep. 13 -1861

Session met at the call of the Modr. All the members present - Constituted with prayer. ~

The following persons, after due examination, were received into the church as entitled [sic] to full communion - viz - Miss Elizabeth Jane Martin - Margaret Maria - servt. of T.H. McClellan, & John Robinson - servt. of W.H. Spears. ~

Mrs. Mary Woods was received upon certificate from Bethlehem Church. ~

Mr. A.F. Woods & his wife Mrs. Mary Woods were dismissed to Lebanon Church - See Register. ~

Mr. J.M. Black, principal, & Mr. S. McKindley, alternate were appointed to attend the next meeting of Presbytery. -

Jane, servant of D.A. Penick - for some time under sentence of suspension, after a satisfactory interview with Session, was restored to full privilidges [sic] in the church. ~

The following paper was read, discussed, & unanimsly [sic] adopted. viz. ~

Whereas the State of N. Car, by an almost unanims [sic] vote of her people, dissioved [sic] her civil connection with the govt. of the United States of America; & with equal unanimity has become one of the Confederate States of America: - The reasons for which change we cordially approve - viz. The utter subversion of the Federal constitution, in adopting on the one hand, the doctrine of State consolidation, & on the other hand, ignoring that of State Sovereignty & State equality; in adopting a plat-form which avows it purpose of crushing the acknowledged constitutional social & distinctive institution of the South; & in the manifest & unequivocal despotism of the dominant administration: -

Whereas also the plain teachings of God's word & providence require us to yield our alligiance [sic] to the Confederate Government of America: -

Whereas, moreover, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America, did in the city of Philadelphia, in May last - a mere majority of

the Southern representation being present, pass resolutions which that body had no constitutional right to pass, & which - whilst we continue under that iniquitous [sic] government, necessarily bind our consciences to yield allegiance to it in all its monstrous absurdities, treacheries, & despotism:

Therefore Resolved -

1. That We as a church cannot any longer affiliate with the presbyterian church of the United States of America, & therefore desire no longer to remain in ecclesiastical connection with that body ~
2. That in our solemn judgement, as the Session of this church, after much thought & prayer upon the subject, it is highly expedient that a South Presbyterian General Assembly be duly organized for the Confederate States of America, at as early a day as shall be practicable [sic]. ~
3. That we do therefore hereby memorialize & overture the Presbytery of Concord, to which our first ecclesiastical allegiance is due, to take definite & effective measures, to seperate [sic] as speedily & as peaceably as possible from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church in the United States of America, & to secure our connection with a General Assembly, based upon substantially the same system of doctrine & church polity, proposed to be organized for the Confederate States of America.

Ordered that copies of the foregoing preamble & resolutions be furnished, one for the presbytery of Concord, & the other for the N.C. Presbyterian for publication. ~

Adjourned - concluded with prayer -

Danl. A. Penick - clk -

Annual Report from Aprl. 1 - 1861 - to April 1 - 1862

Communicants

Added on Exam.:	11
Added on Cert.:	4
Coloured communicants:	184
Total of com.:	602

Baptisms

Ad.:	2
Infants:	56

Funds Collected

For. Miss.:	102.
Dom. Miss.:	163.
Edn.:	16
Pubn.:	49.60
Church Exn.:	[blank]
Presl.:	30.
Congregal.:	637.
Missellaneous [sic]:	90.

Session of Presbytery at Olney [?] church - Gaston County N- C- April 12th 1862 ~

Thus far Examined & approved -

W.B. Watts Mod.

Meeting of Session

R.R. Session house

No. 169

May 2 - 1862

Session met at the call of the Modr. - Present Rev. D.A. Penick with elders Black, Caldwell, Morrison, McClarty, Kirkpatrick, McKindley, Query, & Mc. A. White. ~ Constituted with prayer.

After examination, Mr. Geo. W.H. Andrews, & Harris, servt. of Mr. S. Pharr, were recieved [sic] into full communion. Mrs. Catherine D. Teater, by cert. from Harmony Church S.C., & Miss Matilda H. King, by cert. from 4th Creek church; were enrolled as members of this church. Col. D. White, who appeared in Session on Saturday morning, was appointed to attend the Presby at Concord Town on friday [sic] of next week.

Adjourned - closed with prayer ~

Danl. A. Penick clk ~

Meeting of Session

Rocky River

No. 170

Sep. 5 - 1862

Session met at the call of the Modr. Present Rev. D.A. Penick Modr., with Messrs Black, Caldwell, Kirkpatrick, Morrison, McKindley, Query, Mc. A. White, McClarty & Col. D. White - Constituted with prayer. ~ The following persons, after examination, were received into full communion - viz - George, servt. of Mrs. A.S. Harris, & Caroline, servt. of R. Kirkpatrick. Received by certificate from the Charlotte church, Mrs. Almira Kirkpatrick.

Lucinda, servt of W.S. Pharr, appeared before Session - confessed that she had given birth to a child - having no husband & was guilty of the sin of adultery - expressing herself as entirely willing to wave [sic] the formalities of a regular trial & to abide by the immediate action of the Session: Whereupon, after serious conversation with her, she was suspended

from the privildges [sic] of the church until she shall give satisfactory evidence of repentance. ~

The following minute was ordered to be made. Whereas C. Fame charges Elic, servt. of Mrs. S. Pharr & Moses, servt of Mr. S.E.W. Pharr with having each stolen wheat & taken it to Mr. S.C. Harrises Mill to be ground; the offences [sic] being grievously reproachful to religion; therefore Resolved that they be cited to meet this Session, at the Session house, on Sat. 20th inst. at 2. ocl. P.M., & answer to the above charges.

Ordered that Mr. T. Pinion, H. S. Pharr Esqr., Wash - servt. - Mrs. S. Pharr, & Phil servt of H.S. Pharr be cited to attend as witnesses. Ordered that Col. D. White cite the parties -

Adjourned - concluded with prayer -

Danl. A. Penick - clk ~

Meeting of Session

R.R. Church

No. 171

Sep. 20 - 1862

Session met according to appointment at the last meeting - Present Rev. D.A. Penick - modr., with Messrs. D. White, Caldwell, & Query - Constituted with prayer. ~ Moses & Elic being present, with the witnesses Mr. Pinion; Session resolved to proceed with case. The charge was read. Elic & Moses denied having stolen the wheat - but insisted that they had bought the wheat, the one, 1/2 a bushel, the other, a bushel - from Wash, a servt. of Mrs. S. Pharr, & paid for it, & that they had taken it to Mr. S.C. Harris Mill - at night, after their work was over - Mr. Pinion, being sworn, stated that Elic & Moses brought each parcel of wheat, Elic, about 1. bushel, & Moses about 1/2 a bushel to the Mill, at a late hour of the night, after he had gone to bed - say about ten or eleven ocl. - That he declined grinding for them - That he kept it until he saw Squire Harris - That he had then ground it & delivered it to Mrs. S. Pharr's boy Tom, who came for it & took it away. Read & approved. Several witnesses being absent, the further consideration of the case

was postponed until Monday 29th inst. at 2. oclk. P.M. - Mr. Caldwell & L.C. Kirkpatrick were directed to cite all the parties, as before - except Mr. Pinion. ~
Adjourned - Concluded with prayer.

Danl. A. Penick - clk -.

Meeting of Session

R.R. Church

No. 172

Oct. 11 - 1862

Session met according to adjournment - Present Rev. D.A. Penick modr., with Messrs. D. White, Caldwell, Query, Kirkpatrick, Morrison, & McClarty - constituted with prayer. ~
It was reported that a number of the members met at 2 oclk on the 29th, but the modr. being absent - the Session adjourned to meet to day at 2:00 P.M. The parties as before were cited to attend. Mr. John Query stated the following charges against Nat. servat. of Mr. Lee Allen - viz - 1. Having stolen a saddle from him about Christmas last - 2. Having stolen a saddle skirt from Sandy McKindley since that time. He requested the following witnesses to be cited viz. Messrs. R.S. & Elam Query - also Sam, servt. of Levi Parks. ~
J.M. Query was directed to serve the above citations. ~

As neither Elick, nor any of the witnesses in his & Moses' cases are present - Resolved that their cases, expected to be tried to day, be postponed untill [sic] Sat. 25th inst. at 10. oclk. A.M. - Ordered that L.C. Kirkpatrick serve the citations in this case. ~

Resolved that Nat., servt. of L. Allen be cited to meet this Session on the day above specified at 11. oclk. A.M. & answer to the charges specified by Mr. Query- He, Mr. Q. being the prosecutor. Adjourned - concluded with prayer - ~ Danl. A. Penick clk -

Meeting of Session

R. River

No. 173

Oct. 25 - 1862

Session met according to adjournment - present Rev. D.A. Penick with Messrs. Black, Kirkpatrick, Query, & Caldwell - Constituted with prayer -

Session proceeded with the case of Elic & Moses, the former being present. - H.S. Pharr Esqr., being sworn, stated he was well acquainted with the boys, Elic and Wash, servts. of Mrs. S. Pharr - that he had examined the wheat which Elic alledged he had bought from Wash - That he was fully satisfied that it was not his wheat, having no split grains in it as his had - but believed to be Mrs. S. Pharr's wheat, having oats mixed with it hers had & as his did not have - that he believed Elic to be truthful & smart, but had no confidence in Wash - that he believed, as Washed [sic] confessed in his presence that he (Wash) had sold the wheat to Elic & Moses. Read & approved. ~ Tho. Wash, the other witness was absent, Session having learned from his mistress Mrs. S. Pharr & H.S. Pharr Esqr. that his word is not to be relied on, resolved to dived [sic] this case without further delay. The testimony having been all read & the members having heard Elic & Moses, & freely conferred [sic] with each other: Session unanimously [sic] resolved that the charge against Elic & Moses is not sustained - & that the case be dismissed, with a caution from the Modr. to the parties to be on their guard against all unlawful trading & at suspicious hours & without the knowledge & permission of their owners. The caution was given. ~ As Nat., servt of L. Allen is not present - resolved that his case be continued to Sat. 8th Nov - at 2. oclck - P.M. - Ordered that J.M. Query cite Nat. & the witnesses accordingly. ~ Mr. R. H. Morrison, principal - & J.M. Black, alternate were appointed to attend Synod at Goldsborro [sic] 29th inst. ~ Adjourned - concluded with prayer ~

Danl. A. Penick - clk.

Meeting of Session

R. River

No. 174.

Nov. 8 - 1862

Session met according to adjournment - present - Rev. D.A. Penick Modr., with Messrs
D. White & J.M. Query - Constituted with prayer. ~

Session resolved to take up & proceed with the case of Nat, servt. of Mr. L. Allen, having
been satisfied that the citation had been duly served.

The following record was ordered to be made - viz. Whereas Nat is still absent, having
been twice duly cited to attend: Resolved that he be, & that he hereby is excluded from the
priviledges [sic] of the church, for his conumacy [?], untill [sic] he gives satisfactory
evidence of repentance. Ordered that the case be published. - Adjourned - Concluded
with prayer ~

Danl. A. Penick clk

Note March 15th 1863 - Col D. White & Mr. John Caldwell were appointed principal &
alternate, to represent this church in Presby. to be held at Thyatira commencing April 10th
1863. ~

D.A.P. clk.

Annual report from April 1 - 1862 to April 1. 1863

Communicants

Added on examination:	4
Added on certificate:	4
Coloured communicants:	177
Total of com.:	599

Baptisms

Adults:	00
Infants:	37

Funds Collected

D. Missions:	286.
F. Missions:	92.
Education:	50.
Publication:	47
Church extension:	16
Presbyterial:	30.
Congregational	2096
Miscellaneous [sic]:	274 = 2891

signed Danl - A - Penick - clk -

Concord Presby. in Session at Thyatira church - April 10 - 63 -

Thus far examined & approved ~

D.A. Penick Mod.

Meeting of Session

R.R. Session House

No. 175

May 1. 1863

Session met at the call of the Moderators - All the members present - constituted with prayer.

The following persons were duly admitted to full communion in this church viz. upon

Examination -

Mrs. Margaret Ann Davis

Mr. Joseph Roberson White

Mark - Servt. of J.H. Bost

Eliza & Sallie - of Mrs. Hesse Alexander

Clementine - of R.H. Morrison

By certificate -

Mrs. M.E. McEachern, from Mallard Creek Church

“ Margaret Harris - from Bethpage “

“ Isabella Caldwell - A.R. Steel Creek “

After much deliberation & consultation, the following paper was ordered to be recorded, viz. Whereas it is notorious that Mr. John A. Davis & his wife have separated [sic] & are living in open violation of the solemn pledges of their marriage contract; & Whereas their conduct in this regard is grossly unchristian, much talked about & grievously scandalous [sic] to the church; Therefore resolved that the said John A. Davis & his wife, Mrs. Martha Davis be cited to appear before this Session, at the Session House on Thursday 21st of Mar inst., at 8 o'clock. A.M. to answer to the following charges, as preferred [sic] against them by Common Fame, viz.

1. The husband for ordering or causing his wife & her children to leave his bed & board -
2. for sending them away without the means of living
3. Both them for agreeing to live separate [sic] in violation of their mutual marriage pledges. Resolved that the following persons be cited to attend at the same place & time

as witness, viz. Mrs. Rebecca Biggers, Miss Margaret J. [?] Davis, Mr. C.. Spears & his wife, Mr. W.H. Spears & his wife, W.W. Andrew & his wife, with Dr. S. Gilmer & Miss Martha J. Porter. ~

Ordered that the clk. of Session furnish written citations to the parties respectively to R.H. Morrison - to be served upon the parties by himself, McClarty & Black.

Adjourned - concluded with prayer

Danl. A. Penick - clk

Meeting of Session

Session house

No. 176

May 21st 1863

Session met according to appointment - All the members present - constituted with prayer. Mr. & Mrs. Davis, being present, were urged by Session to settle their difficulties in an amicable way so as to supercede any further proceedings. After many solemn appeals to them, & a free conversation with them, they both distinctly expressed their unwillingness to come together again, & their belief that they cannot live together in peace.

Session, having ascertained that the witnesses had been cited & the parties making no objections, resolved to proceed in the case. The bill of inditment [sic] was read. Mr. Davis confessed that he was guilty of the general charge, i.e. of living in violation of his marriage pledges & of having entered into a written agreement to do so but denied that he had ordered or caused his wife to leave his bed & board, or that he had sent his away without the means of living, except according to a written agreement between him & her. - Mrs. Davis confessed that she was living in the violation of her marriage pledges. ~ Mr. Davis requested Col. D. White to assist him in the management of his case; & Mrs. Davis requested J.S. McClarty to do the same for her. ~

The following witnesses being introduced & sworn; testified as follows viz. ~

Mrs. R. Biggers - I heard Mr. Davis order both me & Mrs. Davis away from his house. He said, the children could not stay there. Ques. by Mod. - Did Mr. D. send his wife & her children away? Ans. No - We went away ourselves. By the Same - Did you & Mrs. D. & her children leave before or after the written agreement between Mr. & Mrs. D. to seperate [sic] & divide the property? Ans. Before. ~ Read & approved.

The instrument of writing refered [sic] to in the above testimony not being present; Mr. J.C. Sosserman was introduced by consent of parties, to proove [sic] its contents. Ques. to Mr. S. by Mod. - Have you the instrument of writing in which Mr. & Mrs. D. agreed to seperate [sic] as man & wife, & divide the property? Ans. Yes - it is at my house, under lock & key. By same - Does that instrument, agreed to by both parties, relieve Mr. D. from the obligation of furnishing a support for his wife & children? Ans. Yes. - Read & approved ~

Miss M.J. Davis - Ques. by mod. - Did you ever hear your father order his wife to leave his house & take her children away? Ans. No. - By same - Did you ever hear him say that her children should not stay there? Ans. No - I heard him say that he would charge her board for them. By McClartey - Did you ever hear your pa say that he would have pay for keeping the children? Ans. Yes - after the Negroes [sic] were hired out. Read & approved.

Mr. Sosserman was again called in. Ques. by Mr. McClartey - Did Mr. Davis charge for the board of the children all the time they were at his house? I know he charged board for them, but for how long a time, I dont [sic] know. By same - How much had Mrs. D. to pay for their board? Ans. \$40.~

Mr. & Mrs. C.W. Spears; Mr. & Mrs. W.H. Spears; & Mr. & Mrs. Andrew gave no testimony that bore on the case.

Miss R.M. White, introduced by Mrs. Davis - Ques. by mod. Do you know the cause of ----- [smudged and illegible on microfilm] seperation [sic] from Mr. Davis? Ans. It

begun about the hiring [sic] out of the Negroes [sic]. By the same - How did that cause the separation [sic]? Ans. She did not want to hire them out. By the same - Why then did she do it? Ans. He made her do it. By the same - Did you hear Mr. D. say she must hire them out? Ans. Yes. By same - Did you ever hear Mr. D. say that your mother & her children must leave his house? Ans. Yes. By Mr. McKindley - Did you ever hear Mr. D. say that he would charge for the board of your children? Ans. Yes. By same - Did Mr. D. say that he would charge board for the whole time you were there? Ans. Yes. By Mr. Kirkpatrick - at what time did you hear him say this? Ans., after the Negroes [sic] were hired out. ~

Read & approved

The testimony being closed, the proceedings thus far with all the testimony, were read. The parties - Mr. Mrs. Davis, by their counsel, were fully heard. The members of Session were called on for remarks on the case. A full & free interchange of views was then had. After which, it was on motion, unanimously [sic] resolved that the further consideration & final vote, in this case, be postponed for six months; with a view & with the hope that, during the interval, the parties may come to an amicable settlement of their difficulties between themselves.

Resolved further that Col. D. White, with Messrs. J. Caldwell & S. McKindley be a com. to visit Mr. D. & that Messrs. J.M. Black, J.S. McClarty, & L.C. Kirkpatrick be a com. to visit Mrs. D. - The mod. being expected to visit them both; with a view to the very desirable result hoped for, and then committees report to the Session. Session then adjourned - Closed with prayer. Mr. & Mrs. D. being present. ~ Danl. A. Penick - clk. Rev. D.A. Penick having signified his wish to cease acting as the clerk of Session, & his resignation being reluctantly acceded to: Mr. L.C. Kirkpatrick was elected to the office of clerk of this Session -

Danl. A. Penick - clk ~

Aug. 16/63 - Mr. S. McKindley, principal; & Mr. R.H. Morrison, alternate were appointed to represent this church in Pres. to be held at L. Brittain on Thur. 20 - 1863 ~

Meeting of Session

Session House

No. 177

Sept. 4 / 63

Session met at the call of the Moderator. Present - D.A. Penick Modr. J.M. Black, J. Caldwell, S. McKinley, R.H. Morrison, J.M. Query, J.S. McClarty. Constituted with prayer.

The following persons applied and after careful examination on their knowledge of experimental religion were received into ful [sic] communion viz,

Bob Berry [?] Servt. of A.N. Johnston

Ellan “ “ Hugh S. Pharr

Tirzah Ann “ “ Dr. C.A. Alexander

Lard Monroe “ “ Allen Bost Jnr

Miss Elisabeth Jane McEacharn

Mrs. M.C. McEacharn by certificate from M.E. Church Bethel

Mrs. Mary Teter [sic] “ “ “ A.R. church Prosperity

Mr. J.C. Barnhardt “ “ “ German Ref. Church Bethel

Jane Adaline Barnhardt “ “ “ “ “ “ “

William Gillam by cert. from Bethlaham [sic]

Sam Servt. of S. McKinley restored

Note Our fall communion commenced on Friday the 4th Sept and closed Sabatj [sic]

following Rev. Mr. McDonald & D.A. Penick Jnr in attendance assisting in the Sirvi-- [?]

of the occasion no special interest manifested but a full and attentive attendance on the

means of Grace Five persons were received on examination & five by certificate

L.C. Kirkpatrick clk of Sess.

Recd. Sept. 13th / 63 Mrs. Mary J.W. Gillam by certificate from Ramah Church

L.C. Kirkpatrick clk of Sess.

Note October 4th 1863 Col David White & John M. Black were appointed principal & Alternate to represent this Church on Synod to be held in Salisbury commencing on Thursday the 29th of this Instant.

L.C. Kirkpatrick clk of Sess.

Meeting of Session

Session house

No. 178

October 18th 1863

Session met at the call of the Moderator. Present - D.A. Penick moderator with Elders David White, John M. Black, John S. McClarty, John Caldwell, Sandy McKinley & L.C. Kirkpatrick. Constituted with prayer. John Willis Davis applied for admission to church privileges and after a free & full conversation on experimental religion was admitted [sic] to full communion in the church.

Adjourned to the church for publick [sic] worship

L.C. Kirkpatrick clk of Sess.

Meeting of Session

October 25. 1863

No. 179

By request of the Pastor We the Session & Trustees of Rocky River met in the Session House & after a free interchange of views, passed the following resolution viz.

Resolved 1st We the Elder & Trustees of Rocky River Church, do hereby express our cordial approval of the action of the Synod of North Carolina at its Sessions in Goldsborough in making provision looking to the education of the children of deceased soldiers,

Resolved 2nd With a view of aiding in this patriotic & benevolent [sic] work, we will make special efforts to see that al such indigent children of such deceased soldiers, within the bounds of our congregation [sic] are so provided for as to receive at least as good an education as they would have received had their fathers not sacraficed [sic] their lives in defence [sic] of their Country. ~

Resolved 3 - That each member of this body be expected to report to Session all such cases within his knowledge as need assistance.

L.C. Kirkpatrick clk

Meeting of Session	November
No. 180.	21st 1863

Session met according to postponement for the further consideration of the case of John and Martha Davis - Present D.A. Penick Moderator Elders J.M. Black, J.S. McClarty, Sandy McKinley, R.H. Morrison, J.M. Query, John Caldwell, D. White & L.C. Kirkpatrick.

Constituted with prayer - Ordered that the proceedings of the former meeting in this case be read - The committees appointed at a former meeting to visit the parties with a view to an amicable settlement of their difficulties being called on reported that they had been unable to accomplish any thing towards the disirable [sic] result - The Moderator reported the same result, The Instrument of writing refered [sic] to in the trial of the case, was called for 7 being present, was ordered to read, which was done. The Session then proceeded to a final vote in the case. Whereupon it was unanimously [sic] voted that Mr. Davis is guilty of the first & third items in the charge against him & that Mrs. Davis is guilty of the charge prefered [sic] against her.

Whereupon it was resolved; inasmuch as the Session is satisfied from all the facts in the case that both Mr. & Mrs. Davis are indulging manifestly unchristian feelings

towards each other, are living in open violation of a most solemn pledge, their conduct being grossly scandalous [sic] to the church & injurious to religion, as well as tending strongly to depreciate the solemnity of the marriage relation with all its sacred influences; both Mr. & Mrs. Davis be & they are hereby suspended from the privileges of the church until they give satisfactory evidence of repentance. Closed with prayer

L.C. Kirkpatrick clk

Meeting of Session Rocky River December 10th 1863

181

Session & Trustees met at request of pastor -

present D.A. Penick, David White, R.H. Morrison, Sandy McKinley, J.M. Query, Mc. A. White, H.S. Pharr, Saml. Pharr, & L.C. Kirkpatrick

Resolved that it be the sense of this meeting that the children of indigent soldiers in the army be included among the subjects of our special attention.

Resolved that a committee of five be appointed to take special charge of this business, take a list of the children reported, look up places [?] for them, receive & disburse funds for their benefit &c. & report their proceedings to the Session & Trustees. The folowing [sic] persons were appointed said committee, Hugh S. Pharr, Saml. Pharr, J.S. Query, J.C. Barnhardt & R.M. McEacharn.

Resolved that the com. appoint its own Treasurer

L.C. Kirkpatrick clk

Meeting of Session Rocky River Session House

182

March 20th 1864

Session met at the call of the Moderator. When John M. Query was elected principal & Sandy McKinley alternate to represent this church in Presbytery at Poplar Tent Church on Thursday the 14th day of April next. L.C. Kirkpatrick clk

Sessional Records of Rocky River Presbyterian Church, Concord, North Carolina
September 18, 1835 - September, 1870

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Annual [sic] report from Apl. 1st 1863 - to April 1st 1864

Communicants

Added on Examination:	14
Added on Certificate:	9
Colored Communicants:	176
Total of Communicants:	523

Baptisms

Adults:	3
Infants:	35

No. of children in Sabath [sic] Schools: 200

Funds Collected

Domestic Missions:	649
Foreign Missions:	155
Education:	20.50
Publication:	90.
Church Extension:	9.
Presbyterial	30.
Congregation [sic]:	1590
Miscellaneous[sic]:	441

April 1st 1864 Signed L.C. Kirkpatrick Clk. Sess.

In addition to this statistical report, the Session of R. River Church respectfully
State further to the Presbytery that the word & ordinances have been regularly
administered & attended during the past year: The attendance good & attention

encouraging; The concert [?] of prayer has been regularly maintained; The Sabath [sic] Schools both for whites & colored peoples kept up during the spring fall & summer months; Our children & youth have been catachised [sic]; the spirit of christian [sic] benevolence it is hoped, is on the advance; we have paid our pastor towards salary in Confederate Money \$1507 - which added to our contributions to the benevolent Boards of our church the Bible cause, Army Missionary operations, distributions of tracts & religious papers among soldiers make an aggregate [sic] of \$2999.

All of which is respectfully reported

April 1st 1864

L.C. Kirkpatrick clk

April 15th 1864, At Poplar Tent church, Thus far examined & aproved [sic] by
Presbytery.

R.Z. Johnston

Modr Pby.

April 17th / 64 The delagate [sic] from this church reports that he attended the meeting of
Presbytery to which he was appointed.

L.C. Kirkpatrick clk.

Meeting of Sess.

182 [should be 183]

Aprile [sic] 29th 1864

Session met organised [sic] with prayer. Present D.A. Penick Moderator Elders
J.S. McClarty, John Caldwell, Mc. A. White, J.M. Black, J.M. Query, Sandy McKinley,
R.H. Morrison, David White & L.C. Kirkpatrick

The following persons after a free & full conversation on experimental religion
were admitted to full privileges in the church.

Margaret H. Alexander, Alphonso A. [?] Alexander, Mary C.S. Pharr, Margaret E.
Nicelor, John W. Means, Robert L. [?] Alexander. Sarah Servant of Joshua Teater,

Bernice Servt of S.W. Harris. By certificate from the Cumberland Presbyterian Church
Oxford Mississippi [sic] - Mrs. C.E. Archibald.

L.C. Kirkpatrick C.S.

Meetings of Session August 14th 1864

183 [should be 184]

Sandy McKinley was appointed principal & R.H. Morrison alternate to represent
this church in Presbytery to be held at Bethany Church in Iredal [sic] County Thursday the
1st day of September next.

L.C. Kirkpatrick Clk of Sess.

September / 64 Delagete [sic] to Presbytery reports that he attended the meeting of
said body to which he was appointed.

L.C. Kirkpatrick Clk

Meeting of Sess

184 [should be 185] September 9th 1864

Session met organised [sic] with prayer. Present D.A. Penick Moderator
Elders John Caldwell, John M. Black, David White, L.C. Kirkpatrick

The following persons were admited [sic] to full privileges [sic] in the church.
Eleanor R. Kirkpatrick, Margaret E.L. Morrison, Martha A. Russell, Wm. S. [or L. ?]
Archibald, Cynthia E. Spears, Mary A. Spears, Edward P. Penick -- Mary Betty servant
of Mrs. Jane Ervin, Margaret servt of Mrs. Wedington, Joseph servt of Alfred Johnston -
Henry servt. of A.C. Scott.

L.C. Kirkpatrick clk.

1864

October 9th L.C. Kirkpatrick and John M. Black were appointed as Principal & Alternate to represent this church at the next meeting of Synod to be held in Greensborough on the 26th of this Instant.

L.C. Kirkpatrick Clk

Novbr 7th 1864

Delegate attended the meeting of Synod to which he was appointed.

L.C. Kirkpatrick clk

March 19th 1865

Mr. John Caldwell was appointed principal and John M. Query alternate to represent this church at the next meeting of Presbytery to be held in Providence Church

L.C. Kirkpatrick C.S.

April 25th Presbytery failed to meet.

Annual [sic] report from April 1st 1864 to April 1st / 65

Added on Examination: 19
Added on Certificate: 1
Colored communicants [sic]: 180
Total No. of Communicants [sic]: 529
Adults Baptised: 5
Infants Baptised: 36
No. of children in Sabbath [sic] School: [blank]

Funds Collected -

Domestic Miss.: 841
Foreign Miss.: 67
Education: 55
Publications: 200 [smudged ?]
Church Extension: 15
Presbyterial: [blank]
Congregation [sic]: [blank]
Miscellaneous [sic]: [blank]

Remarks The above was paid in Confederate Money & became worthless in the hands of the treasurer.

L.C. Kirkpatrick C.S.

Meeting of Session

Session House

185 [should be 186]

May the 6th 1865

Session met at the call of the Moderator. Present D.A. Penick Modr with all the members except John Caldwell -

Constituted with prayer.

The following persons after a free conversation in the subject of religion were admitted [sic] to full privileges [sic] in the church.

Margaret M. Query, Margaret Jane White, Mary Zilla Wright, Agness Tinsley Phifor, Martha F. Query.

Clara - servant of C.H. Erwin

Dinah - " " Jas. L. Morrison

Mira Dinah " " " " "

Milley " " J.D. Smith

August 25 1865 John S. McClarty was appointed principal & L.C. Kirkpatrick alternate to represent this church in the next meeting of Presbytery to be held in Statesville

L.C. Kirkpatrick clk

Meeting of Session

186 [should be 187]

Session house September 1st 1865

Session met at the call of the Moderator. Present D.A. Penick Modr. Mcamy A. White, Sandy McKinley, J.M. Query, David White, R.H. Morrison, L.C. Kirkpatrick Elders. Constituted with prayer

After a free & full conversation on Experimental religion the following persons were admitted [sic] to full privileges [sic] in the church

John B. McClelan, Mary S. [or L. ?] Smith, Margaret R.D. Smith, Mary F. Pharr, Sarah B. Spears, Sarah S. Parks, Maria S. Morrison, Mrs. Mary E. Erwin - by certificate from M.E. Church at Bethel.

Closed with prayer.

L.C. Kirkpatrick C.S.

September 20th Delalgate [sic] to Presbytery reports that he attended the meeting of that body.

L.C. Kirkpatrick clk.

October 7th Session met at the call of the Moder. Col. David White & Sandy McKinley were appointed principal & alternate to attend the next meeting of Synod to be held in Fayetteville on the 20th [?] of this Instant.

L.C. Kirkpatrick C.S.

Novbr 1st Commissioner failed to attend the meeting appointed to above.

L.C. Kirkpatrick C.S.

Nov. 12th / 65 Session met at the call of the Moderator, When R. H. Morrison was appointed principal & Sandy McKinley alternate to represent this church in a called meeting of Presbytery to be held in Charlotte on 14th of this instant.

L.C. Kirkpatrick C.S.

Meeting of Session

187 [should be 188]

March the 8th 1866

Session met at the call of the moderator.

Present Rev. D.A. Penick, David

White, J.S. McClarty, Sandy McKinley, J.M. Query, R.H. Morrison, J.M. Black, L.C. Kirkpatrick. Opened with prayer.

Order that the following Minute [?] be made. Whereas Common Fame charges Mrs. E.J. Harris with a violation of the seventh commandment in having given birth to a

colored child about the Month of October 1865 (she having no husband) and also with putting away the child in secret manner. And whereas such charges are exceedingly reproachful and injurious to religion and dishonouring to the _____ [?] of church. Therefore resolved that she be cited to Meet This Session on Thursday the 22nd Inst. at 9 oclk. A.M. to answer to the above charges and that the following persons be cited as witnesses in the case to wit: Dr. S.J. Gilmore, Dr. James Stewart, Mrs. Catherine Nicholson, Miss Leah Frazier, N.A. Kirkpatrick, Elam M. Query, and that the clerk Issue citations accordingly.

The following Minute was ordered to be made That all heads of families who have permitted dancing in their houses during the winter that is just past They being members of this church be invited to meet this session that we may have an interview with them on that subject on thursday [sic] the 15th of this Inst. and that the Elder in each quarter notify offending persons of this meeting.

Ordered that the Elders in each quarter visit church members who have participated in dancing within a view to ascertain [?] their feelings on that subject and _____ [?] to Session [?].

Adjourned to meet the 15th Inst. Closed with prayer.

L.C. Kirkpatrick, Clk.

Meeting of Session

188 [should be 189]

March the 15th 1866

Session met according to adjournment. Present D.A. Penick, Mod., J.S. McClarty, R.H. Morrison, Sandy McKinley, John M. Query, John M. Black, David White & L.C. Kirkpatrick. Opened with prayer.

Ordered that the following Minute be made. Elam M. Query having been _____ [?]

_____ [?] this session and being present was heard in regard to his views in permitting dancing in his house after which he was discharged without further action in the case.

Samuel Pharr appeared under the same charge & was heard, expressed his disapprobation of dancing & gave satisfactory reasons for having permitted one in his house, promising that he would not permit it again, & was discharged.

Dr. Houston & N.A. Kirkpatrick failing to appear for satisfactory reasons made _____ [?] acknowledgements to the committee was _____ [?] from further action.

Pinkney Morrison was visited stated that he did not believe that dancing was wrong and that if the _____ [?] people wished to dance at his house they could do it. The report not being satisfactory to the session the following order was made.

Order by the Session that John M. Black and L.C. Kirkpatrick be a committee to visit Mr. Morrison and report to this session that further action may be taken in the case.

Adjourned to meet on thursday [sic] the 22nd Inst. at 9 oclk. A.M. Closed with prayer.

L.C. Kirkpatrick Clk.

Meeting of Session

Rocky River Church

189 [should be 190]

March the 22nd 1866

Session Met according to adjournment present Rev. D.A. Penick Mod. with Messrs. Black, Morrison, Query, McKinley, McClarty, David White, Mc.A. White, & L.C. Kirkpatrick. Constituted with prayer.

Mrs. E.J. Harris charged with a violation of the 7th Comd. and of putting away her child in a secret manner, being present as well as all the witnesses in the case. Session resolved to proceed with the case. The charge with its specifications was read; Mrs. Harris denied having violated the 7th comd. but confessed she had given birth to a child on

the 1st day of Oct 1865 she having been violated by a Mulatto boy named Dick who worked at the Depot, on the night of the 30th of January of the same year; and also by the advice of her friends [?] & for the sake of her other children she had consented to its removal to be cared for & taken care of.

The following witnesses being sworn testified as follows: Mrs. Nicholson introduced. Ques. by Modr. You have known this woman from her infancy. Ans. Yes, I have. By same. What is your estimate of her character for virtue & truthfulness? Ans. I consider it beyond suspicion. By same, Were you present when the child was born? Ans. Yes. By same, On what day of the Month was it born? Ans. On the 1st day of October, 1865. By McKinley. Was it a healthy child? Ans. It appeared to be so, but it had not come to full time. By Col. White, Was it a full grown child? Ans. It was very small. By McKinley, Was it a colored or a white child? Ans. It was not dark but plain to be seen by the hair & features that it was not a full blooded white child. by the same Do you know what became of the child? Ans. I do. Dr. Gilmore & myself took it to Charleston to _____ [?] a man & his wife to take care of it. by Modt., Was it done with the knowledge & consent of Mrs. Harris? Ans. Yes, & at the request of her Mother-in-law Mrs. Margaret Harris. By Col White, Was the agreement for the removal of the child between Mrs. Harris, yourself & Dr. Gilmore made before the birth of the child? Ans. Yes, before.

Read & approved.

Miss Leah Frasier introduced.

Ques. by Modr. You are & have been living with Mrs. Harris for some time? Yes - for four years paste. By same, What is your estimation of her character for virtue & truthfulness? Ans. I have never seen any thing wrong with her. By same. Were you at home the night that transaction occurred [sic]? Ans. I was _____ [?] weeks about that time. by same, Did you see any thing wrong about the negro [sic] Dick who is the reported father of the child? Ans. I did not. By Morrison for the defendant, Did the boy

Gibson (servant of Mrs. Harris) have the management of the farm pretty much? Ans. He did pretty much as he pleased and often hired Dick to help him on the farm. By same, Where did Dick keep [?] his home [?] & what was his business? Ans. Down at the Depot, drawing water for the trains. read & approved.

E.M. Query introduced.

Ques. By Modr. You live a close neighbour to Mrs. Harris & are well acquainted with her character? Ans. I live within one mile & an half of her & am well acquainted with her having been attending to her business for four years & think I know her character. By same, What is your view of her character as a virtuous & truthful woman? I regard her as both virtuous & truthful. By same, Have you ever seen any thing in the conduct of Dick to create suspicion touching [?] her virtue [?]? Ans. Nothing at all. By same, Have you any knowledge of Mrs. Harris employing Dick on her farm? Ans. No, but Gibson employed him & _____ [?] hands on the farm at times, read & approved.

N.A. Kirkpatrick introduced.

Ques. By Modr. You live a very close neighbour to Mrs. Harris? Ans. Yes I have since the year 1861. By same. You have been familiarly acquainted with her? Ans. Yes, from her childhood. By same. From all your knowledge of her character is your estimate of her character as a virtuous & truthful woman? Ans. I think it is unimpeachable. By same, What do you know of the conduct of Dick about the promises of Mrs. Harris. Ans. I saw nothing to cause suspicion. By defendant, Was he employed by the Rail Road Co. to pump water? Ans. Yes & he lived at the Depot. read & approved.

Dr. Jas. Stewart introduced.

Ques. By Moderator, Were you present as phisician [sic] at the birth of Mrs. Harris child? Ans. Yes By same. Did you regard it as a child come to full time? Ans. I did not examine it particularly but thought that it was. By Modr. What is the medical opinion

touching the practicability of conception without the consent of the woman? It is generally admitted in the medical profession that the thing is practicable [?]. By same, Do you ____ [?] there have been cases of conception when there was violent resistance on the part of the female? Ans. Yes. read & approved.

Dr. Gilmore introduced.

Ques. by modr. You have been the family phisician [sic] of Mrs. Harris? Ans. Yes, ever since she had a house. By same. You have been familiarly acquainted with her? Ans.

Yes as much so as with any lady in the community. By same. What is her character?

Ans. I never knew aught against it up to this disturbance. By same. Is she a forward assuming woman or modest & retiring [?]? Ans. Modest & retiring [?]. More so than common. By same. How did you come to the knowledge of Mrs. Harris' pregnancy?

Ans. Through her motherinlaw [sic]. By same. Did you see Mrs. Harris shortly after getting this information? Ans. Yes the evening of the same day. By same. What was her state of mind & what were her statements to you? Ans. I found her in deep distress & told her what I had heard, she said it was not that she was with child to Dick, I asked her how it came, she said Dick had found [?] her on the night of the candy stew [??] when Miss Frasier was at John McEacharns and the rest of the family at the candy stew [?]. By same. Did you think the child was born prematurely? Ans. Yes. By same. Why was the child removed? Ans. By the advice of her friends & with our consent for the benefit [?] of her other children. by same, Why did she say she had not made known the transaction sooner? Ans. She said she could not do it. By same, to Mrs. Harris - Why did you not make known the treatment you had received sooner? Ans. I formed [?] the purpose [?] went to my brothers & saw Dr. Gilmore with that object in view but could not do it.

By Col. White. How did you know that it was Dick? Ans. I had light in the house. Dr. Gilmore's testimony resumed.

Ques. By Modr. What became of the child? Ans. It was placed with a responsible man to be cared for & taken care of. By same, Can a woman conceive by force? Ans. The best works on Medical Jurisprudence admit the fact. read & approved.

The evidence being closed the moderator called for the witnesses on behalf of the defendant. The defendant replied she had no evidence to offer. She was fully heard by Mr. Morrison whom she had selected to manage the case. Each member of Session was called upon for remarks & was heard, after all which Session having fully deliberated & exchanged views on the whole case; It was unanimously resolved.

1st That Mrs. Harris guilty according to her own confessions as well as other testimony of both specifications under the general charge.

2nd The evidence as to her being guilty of the general charge is not so clear.

The testimony both pro & con, seems to be nearly equally balanced. Nevertheless altho [sic] she persistently [sic] worried that she had been violated & that she desired but could not divulge how she had been treated sooner than she did; tho her character for virtue truthfulness makes [?] a difidence [?] up to the time of divulgence was abundantly & satisfactorily established by the testimony, nevertheless publick [?] sentence [?] is so grievously [sic] outraged by the occurance [sic]; the cause of Christ & the honour of religion are suffering so very greatly there being no evidence of Mrs. Harris resistance except her own declaration nor even of her having bolted either the out side or in in [sic]doors to her apartment, or of Dicks having forced open the door, or uttering any threat, or of her having cried out, or attempted to give alarm at the time she having in no case divulged the part [?] until necessity [sic] required her to do so; but on the contrary allowed the said Dick to visit her premises & to work occasionaly [sic] on her farm as it appears at the instance of one of her servants, or made no effort to have him removed or arested [sic]; this state of things continuing until Dick left the country a very short time after which the development was made.

Therefore resolved that Mrs. Harris be & she hereby is suspended from the
privileges [sic] of the church until she give satisfactory evidence of repentance.

Ordered that the above action of Session be published to the congregation [sic] at
a proper time.

Josiah S. [?] Philips being present by invitation having been reported as having
permitted [sic] a dance in his house - Made full & frank confessions stating that he did not
approve of dancing by members of the church, with a promise not to permit it again was
excused from further proceedings in the case. Adjourned.

Closed with prayer

L.C. Kirkpatrick

Clerk of session

April 22nd David White was appointed principal & R.H. Morrison alternate to
1866 represent This church in the next meeting of Presbytery to be held in
 Providence Church the first Wednesday in May next.

L.C. Kirkpatrick C.S.

Meeting of Session

Rocky River church

190 [should be 191]

April 27, 1866

Session met at the call of the Moderator. Present D.A. Penick Modr., R.H.
Morrison, D. White, J.M. Query, J.M. Black, Sandy McKinley, Mc.A. White, & L.C.
Kirkpatrick. Opened with prayer.

The committee on Pinkney Morrisons case reported, whereupon the case was
dismissed. Ordered that reports from the different Elders who visited church members
who had participated in dancing parties were satisfactory & that further action in the case
be suspended.

A.C. Scott having permitted [sic] a dance in his house made satisfactory acknowledgement & promises for the future, whereupon the case was dismissed: without further action.

Ordered that the following _____ [?] be sent to Presbytery for council & advice, viz - The Session of Rocky River respectfully represent = asking for instruction & advice as follows. Two of our Members being in good standing, & full communion, and a widower with six children the other a widow with two children _____ [?], the marriage being solemnised by the pastor. They live together as man and wife some twelve or eighteen months without any charge on either party of fornication, they separate, entering into a written agreement touching the property which each held prior to their marriage. The husband _____s [?] the wife to her former home & they then separate & cease to live and treat each other as husband & wife, or to have any thing to do or say with each other whatever. The Session arraigned [sic] & tried them for breach of the marriage contract. They confessed their guilt of the charge acknowledging, that they could not live together in peace. Every effort was made to prevent their separation [sic] & when before the Session to induce them to be reconciled to live together as man & wife but without success whereupon they were suspended from the privileges [sic] of the church until they give satisfactory evidence of repentance. Now the husband the second time applies & insists on being restored to the communion & privileges [sic] of the church they still ignoring their marriage vows, we ask instruction & council in the _____ [?].

By order of Session, Yours respectfully

After an interview with the following persons they were admitted [sic] to full privileges [sic] in the church. Miss Mary Jones Erwin, Robert Lindley Snell. (Colored - Fanny Pharr, Amy Morehead, Martha McEacharn, Sue Ann Davis.) By certificate Mr.

Valentine Stirewalt & wife Sarah Ann, from Bethpage Church. Mrs. E.C. Morrison from Forest Grove Church Miss. The following persons received [?] certificates of dismissal at their on request viz Nathaniel Simms & Wife. Mary H. Morrison to Poplar Tent Church. R.R. King & wife Sarah J. King, to Philadelphia Church.

Cilia Pharr (Colored) to Bethpage Church. Laird Boger & wife Jiney, George Boger & wife Harriet, Calab [sic] Boger, Laird M. Boger & wife Sally, Silas Davis & wife to connect themselves with the African Church. Adjourned with prayer

L.C. Kirkpatrick Clk

Anuel [sic] Statistical report from April 1st 1865 - April 1st 1866

Added on Exam	14
Added on Cert.	4
Total Comms.	534
Adults Bapt.	5
Inft. Babtised [sic]	29
Com. Miss.	62.85
For. Miss.	17.
Education	11
Publications	13
Presbyterial	30
Congregation [sic]	900.
Sustintation [?] Fund	48.50
Agragate [sic]	1052.35
April 29th 1866	

L.C. Kirkpatrick Clk.

To the above statistical report the Session of Rocky River church respectfully appends the following. All the members of the congregation [sic] have been visited and an opportunity given to contribute to the Benevolent operations of the church with the results as set forth in the above statistical report. The word & ordinances of God's house have been regularly administered to the children & youth have been catechised [sic]. The monthly concert [?] for prayer has been kept up at four different [sic] points in the congregation [sic], although for the most part the attendance was small, but more encouraging of late. The Sabbath [sic] schools both for the white & colored portions of our congregations [sic] have been light in attendance not so full as could be desired. We have paid our pastor Eight hundred dollars as salary [sic] for the year 1865. The following order was taken with our colored members who since they have been freed have almost entirely absented themselves from the house of God. They were notified & requested to come forward & all who wished to remain member of our congregation [sic] to give us their name [?] as such & all who wished to go to other churches we would give certificate of dismissal & others who did not apply at all would be transferred [sic] from our Book to a separate [sic] list for further action whereupon some fifty have given their names as permanent [?] members eight have been dismissed to other churches. All of which is respectfully submitted [sic]. By order of Session.

April 29th 1866

L.C. Kirkpatrick Clk.

Note: The colored members of our church are included in our statistical report, it not being in our power to correct our list as yet. Therefore our report as to numbers cannot be considered strictly correct.

L.C. Kirkpatrick Clk.

May 4th 1866 - Providence Church --

Examined & approved by Presbytery as far as written. R.B. Anderson Mod.

Note: Delegate to Presbytery reports that he attended the meeting of that body.

Delegate to Synod attended [sic] the meeting of that body.

Meeting of Session

Rocky River Church

191 [should be 192]

July 28th 1866

Session met at the call of the moderator - present D.A. Penick modr. with Elders Black, McKinley, D. White, Query, Morrison, & Kirkpatrick.

Constituted with prayer.

When the following item of business was transacted, - whereas Com. F. Charges Mrs. W.W. McClellan with the sin of antinuptial [sic] fornication - Whereas she has met with the session this morning, in compliance with a simple request, confesses that she is guilty of the sin as charged against her, & is willing to waive all the prescribed formalities of a regular Judicial precess [sic] & trial: Therefore resolved that Mrs. MClellan her sin being a greivous [sic] offence, exceedingly injurious to religion & dishonouring to the Saviour: although she confesses her guilt & makes gratifying professions of repentance; yet for the honor of the church; be & she hereby is suspended from the priviliges [sic] of the church until she give satisfactory evidence of repentance. Ordered that the above proceeding be published to the congragation [sic].

Closed with prayer.

L.C. Kirkpatrick Clk of Sess.

August 31st 1866 Agreeable to appointment _____ [?] at a former meeting of the congragation [sic] an Election was held for four aditional [sic] Ruling Elders in the church; when the following persons were elected, viz. James L. Morrison, Robert C. Caldwell, Abram A. Alexander, & Dixon B. Penick.

L.C. Kirkpatrick clk.

Meeting of Session

192 [should be 193]

August 31st 1866

Session met at the call of the Modr. - Present Rev. D.A. Penick Modr. Elders R.H. Morrison, D. White, J.M. Query, J.M. Black, S. McKinley, L.C. Kirkpatrick. After a careful examination on experimental religion the following persons were admitted [sic] to full privileges [sic] in the church viz: John M.W. White, James B. White, Elisabeth A. Alexander, Louisa Albertine Alexander, Margaret A. Martin, Elisabeth H. Porter & James T. Johnston (Freedman)

R.H. Morrison was appointed principal & L.C. Kirkpatrick alternate to represent this church in the next meeting of Presbytery to be held in Morganton the 2nd day of October next & John M. Query was appointed principal & J.M. Black alternate to represent this church in the next meeting of Synod to be held in Charlotte on the second Wednesday of October next.

Ordered that a certificate of dismission be granted to Ben Archibald a colored member of this church.

Closed with prayer.

L.C. Kirkpatrick clerk

Delegate to Presbytery & Synod report their attendance on the meetings of those bodies to which they were appointed.

L.C. Kirkpatrick clerk

Meeting of Session

193 [should be 194]

October 25th 1866

Session met at the call of the modr. Present, D.A. Penick Modr., J.M. Black, D. White, Sandy McKinley, J.S. McLarty, J.M. Query, L.C. Kirkpatrick, Elders. Constituted with prayer.

Whereupon on Motion of D. White it was unanimously resolved that Mrs. Margaret W. McClellan be restored to full privileges [sic] in the church, And that the clerk furnish her with a certificate of dismission.

Ordered further that certificate of dimission be granted E.C. McClellan & wife Elisabeth C. McClellan.

Closed with prayer.

L.C. Kirkpatrick clerk

Note:

November 25, 1866 The persons elected at a former meeting of the congragation [sic] having signified their willingness to accept the office of ruling elder in this congragation [sic]; were this day duly ordained by prayer & laying on of hands by the parochial Presbytery & installed into office.

L.C. Kirkpatrick clk

Nov. 1866 Ordered that certificates of dismission be granted Elam A. Wiggins, Hanah [sic] E. Davis & Martha A. Johnston.

L.C. Kirkpatrick clk

Meeting of Session

194 [should be 195]

November 30th 1866

Session met at the call of the Moderator. Present - Rev. D.A. Penick, R.H. Morrison, D. White, J.M. Query, Jas. L. Morrison, Robt C. Caldwell, A.C. Alexander, J.S. McLarty, D.B. Penick, J.M. Black, L.C. Kirkpatrick, Elders. Constituted with prayer.

When the following persons after a free & full conversation on the subject of experimental religion was admited [sic] to full privileges [sic] in the church, Dr. Saml. J.

Gilmore, Mary H. Scott, Mary E. Spears, Alice E. Barnhardt, Elam C. Davis, Lafayette M. Pharr, Walter H. Stirewalt, David M. Barnett, Robert H.C. Smith, Philander Alexander, Byron M. Ingram, James T. [?] G. Spears, Margaret E. Morrison, Robert J. Caldwell, William S. Morrison, Addison M. Rodgers, Harriet C. Ervin, Lucy A. Gourley, Andrew W. White, Elisabeth c. White, Martha Q. Pharr, Alice S. McKinley, James S. Stafford, Daniel B. Morrison, Joseph W. Nicholson, Calab [sic] R. White, Nathan S. McClellan, Emily M. Query, Alexander C. Query, Joseph H. McClellan. These persons were part of the fruits of a protracted meeting conducted by Robert Nall D.D. during the summer preceding.

Session adjourned with prayer to attend to the administration of the Lords Supper

L.C. Kirkpatrick clk.

Note: David White and R.C. Caldwell were appointed principal & alternate to represent this church in Presbytery which meets in this place on Wednesday the 24 instant
April 13th 1867

Meeting of Session

April 20th 1867

195 [should be 196]

Session met at the call of the Moderator. Present Rev. D.A. Penick Moderator, Elders J.M. Query, R.C. Caldwell, D. White, A.C. Alexander, R.H. Morrison, Jas. L. Morrison, & L.C. Kirkpatrick.

Constituted with prayer.

When after a free conversation on the subject of experimental religion were admitted [sic] to full privileges [sic] of the church viz Mary P. White, Theodore L. Martin, Rose M. Stewart, Narcissa Caldwell. The last named person is a colored member.

Adjourned. Closed with prayer.

L.C. Kirkpatrick clk.

Rocky River Church

26 April 1867

Approved as far as written.

_____ [?] Modr.

Meeting of Session

196 [should be 197]

April 26th 1867

Session met at the call of the moderator. Present Rev. D.A. Penick, J.M. Black, J.M. Query, J.L. Morrison, A.C. Alexander, R.H. Morrison, R.C. Caldwell, L.C. Kirkpatrick. Constituted with prayer.

When the following persons were admitted [sic] to full privileges [sic] in the church: Cynthia J. Morrison, Martha A. Fugua, Jennetta [?] C. Pharr, Fanny G. Write, John c. Houston. by certificate Martha O. [?] Black, Marcus Wilson, Mrs. Jane Wilson.

Adjourned. Closed with Prayer.

L.C. Kirkpatrick clk.

Note: The Presbytery of Concord met in our church April 24th a very full attendance of the members of Presbytery. The Communion of the Lords Supper was attended to and very large & solemn congragation [sic] was in attendance.

The delegate from our church in attendance on the Sessions of that body.

L.C. Kirkpatrick clk

July 27th/ 67 R.H. Morrison was apointed [sic] principal & Dixon B. Penick alternate to represent this church in the next meeting of Presbytery in Ashville [sic] the 27th of August next.

L.C. Kirkpatrick clk.

July 2nd 1867

Meeting of Session

197 [should be 198]

Session met at the call of the Moderator. Present D.A. Penick Modr. Elders R.H. Morrison, J.L. Morrison, J.M. Query, R.C. Caldwell, D.B. Penick, A.C. Alexander & L.C. Kirkpatrick. Opened with prayer.

Ordered that the following minutes be Made on our records viz.

Whereas the following persons * members of this church, have applied to us for certificates of dismission to what they call the colored presbyterian [sic] church of Rocky River.

Although they are understood to be already members of that body (some of them officers) constituted in a disorderly & unconstitutional Manner - induced to become so in their ignorance of the proprieties of things - without intendances [?] of disrespect or injury to us - & sincerely endeavouring to better their condition.

Wherefore resolved that we comply with their request so far as to dismiss them from our Jurisdiction, erase their names from our roll, & regard them as members of another church organization - sincerely hoping [sic] that they may realise all that they anticipate in the change of their relations, and that clerk furnish them with certificates as they may apply for them.

Closed with prayer.

L.C. Kirkpatrick clk.

* See church roll

Statistical report from April 1st 1865 to August 1st 1867

Added on examination	47
By certificate	5
Total Comts.	332
Adults Baptised	2
Infants Baptised	16
Sustentation [?] & Dom. Miss.	66.
For Miss.	68.25
Publications	33.
Presbyterial	60.
Congragational [sic]	856.
Miscelaneous [sic]	200.

In addition to the above the session of Rocky River Church would add that a full opportunity has been given the congagation [sic] to contribute to the various comitees [sic] of our church in accordance with the recommendation of the General Assembly with the results as set forth in the above statistical report. That the word & ordinances have been faithfully administered and regularly attended to, The children & youth catachised [sic], The monthly concert for prayer has been observed at five dierent [sic] points in the congagation [sic]. The Sabath [sic] School for children & youth has been in sucessful [sic] operation during the spring, summer & fall months. A large & interesting Bible Class under the supervision & instruction of our pastor for the study of the confession of faith of our church during the winter, we have paid our pastor Eight hundred dollars the Salary promised.

By order of Session

L.C. Kirkpatrick

Clerk of Session

Note Delegate to Presbytery filled his appointment in that body

October 12th D.B. Penick was appointed principal & A.C. Alexander alternate to represent this church in the next meeting of Synod to be held in Newbern.

L.C. Kirkpatrick Clerk

Delegate to Synod filled his appointment to that body.

Meeting of Session

January 11th 1868

198 [should be 199]

Session Met at the call of the Moderator Present D.A. Penick Mod. Elders

A.C. Alexander, D.B. Penick, J.L. Morrison, R.H. Morrison, J McClarty & L.C.

Kirkpatrick. Opened with prayer

When the following business was transacted, Whereas common fame charges Dr. S.J. Gilmore with drunkenness [sic] on various occasions, so as to be utterly disqualified for business greatly to the reproach & dishonor of religion & to the grief of his Christian brethren therefore resolved that he be cited to appear before this Session on Saturday the 15th day of Febuary [sic] next at the hour 12 oclck and answer to the foregoing charge with the following specifications viz. His own letter to the Pastor confessing his guilt in this particular.

2nd At the time of his professional visit to Miss Elisabeth Nicholson.

3rd His propional [professional?] visit to Mrs. J.B. Teeter.

4th The days of Mrs. Charles Erwins death & burial.

And that the following persons be cited as witnesses to sustain the foregoing charge to wit, Sarah Nicholson, Mrs. J.L. Morrison, Miss Elisabeth Nicholson, Charles H. Erwin, Pinkney Morrison, D.A. Penick ____ [?], S.C. Harris. Ordered that the Clerk issue citations.

Whereas Com. Fame charges Saml. K.W. Snell with being drunk & using very profane language on Tuesday of the October court 1867 in the town of Concord greatly to the reproach & dishonour of religion and to the grief of his christian [sic] brethren. Resolved that he be cited to appear before this session on saturday [sic] the 15th of Febuary [sic] next at 12 oclk to answer to the foregoing charge. The witnesses relied upon to sustain said charge are Jas. L. Morrison, R.H. Morrison, D.B. Penick. Ordered that the clerk issue the citation in the case.

Closed with prayer.

L.C. Kirkpatrick

Clerk of Session

Meeting of Session

199 [should be 200]

Febuary [sic] 15th 1868

Session Met according to adjournment, Present D.A. Penick Moder., R.H. Morrison, J.M. Query, J.M. Black, J.S. McClarty, J.L. Morrison, D.B. Penick & L.C. Kirkpatrick. Opened with prayer.

The case of S.K.W. Snell was taken up. Mr. Snell being present Made confession of his guilt as charged, When on Motion in view of his confession of his guilt, profession of repentance, & promise of information it was resolved that he be reprimanded by the Moderator, & retained in the communion of the church, and that the action of the Session be Made Known to the congragation [sic] from the pulpit.

At the same time the case of Dr. Gilmore was taken up. It was ascertained that the citation had been served & witnesses summoned. When in view of his confessions (as charged) by two letters to the session at different times, stating that he would not be present at the trial, and requesting that they would proceed with the case, and that he would be satisfied with their decision. Whereupon after a free and full interchange of

views on the case and a prayerful consideration of the same it was resolved unanimously that he be suspended from the privileges [sic] of the church until he give satisfactory evidence of repentance, and the proceedings of session in the case be published to the Congregation [sic].

Adjourned with prayer.

L.C. Kirkpatrick Clk.

March 21st A.C. Alexander was appointed principal and J.L. Morrison alternate to represent this church in Presbytery at Back creek church in April next.

Delagate [sic] filled his appointment.

Anual [sic] statistical report of Rocky River Church Session
from August 1st 1867 to April 1st 1868

Communicants

Added on Exam.: none

By certificate: none

Total Com.: 316

Baptised

Adults: 00

Infants: 1

Children in S. School: 100

Funds Collected

Sustintation [?]: 100.80

F. Miss.: 16.55

Edu.: 33.

Pub.: 23.25

Presbyterial: 60.

Congragation [sic]: 732.

Miscelaneous [sic]: [blank]

L.C. Kirkpatrick

Clerk of Session

Examined and approved as far as written

Back Creek Church 11 April 1868

John Douglas, Modr.

Meeting of Session

200 [should be 201]

May 1st 1868

Session met at the call of the Moderator. Present D.A. Penick Mod., J.L.

Morrison, R.H. Morrison, J.M. Black, J.M. Query, A.C. Alexander, D.B. Penick, L.C.

Kirkpatrick. Opened with prayer.

When the following persons were received into full communion in this church. By examination Luisa E. Phifer, James __ [?] Quay. By certificate _____ [?] W. White, Mrs. L.J. White.

Closed with prayer.

L.C. Kirkpatrick clerk of session

Note: The delagate [sic] to Presbytery reports that he fulfilld. his apointment [sic] to that body.

Meeting of Session

Session Met August 15th

201 [should be 202]

1865 at the call of the

Moderator, Opened with prayer.

Present D.A. Penick Modr., J.M. Query, J.L. Morrison, A.C. Alexander, D.B. Penick & R.H. Morrison. Mr. Collett Houston being present by invitation confessed his sin of drunkenness [sic] & asked forgiveness [sic] & promised to be more guarded in future & was forgiven.

R.H. Morrison

Clerk pro tem

Note: Ordered by the session that the Deacons sollicit [sic] contributions to pay our Quota of the Evangelists fund.

August 30th 1868

L.C. Kirkpatrick Clerk

Meeting of Session

202 [should be 203]

September 4th 1868

Session Met at the call of the Moderator. Present, D.A. Penick Mod., A.C.

Alexander, R.H. Morrison, J.L. Morrison, L.C. Kirkpatrick. Opened with prayer.

Hugh S. Pharr having been charged with drunkenness [sic] it was resolved that John M. Black & A.C. Alexander be a committee to have an interview with him and report to the session. Closed with prayer.

L.C. Kirkpatrick Clerk

Meeting of Session

203

September 5th 1868

Session Met Agreeable [sic] to adjournment. Present Rev. D.A. Penick, A.C.

Alexander, R.H. Morrison, J.L. Morrison, L.C. Kirkpatrick. Opened with prayer. When the following persons after a careful examination on experimental religion were admitted [sic] to full privileges [sic] in the church

Mary Ann White, [No others were listed.]

J.M. Black was appointed principal & J.L. Morrison alternate to represent this church in Presbytery to be held in Liconton [sic] the 23rd of this ins and L.C. Kirkpatrick principal & A.C. Alexander alternate to synod in Wilmington Nov. 4th next.

The committee to see H.S. Pharr report that he denies the charge.

Adjourned.

L.C. Kirkpatrick

Clerk

Note: The principal appointed delagate [sic] to Synod failed to fill his appointment on account of protracted sickness, The church was not represented.

L.C. Kirkpatrick Clerk

Delagate [sic] to Presbytery filled his appointment in the Meeting at Liconton [sic].

Meeting of Session

204 [should be 205]

April 5th 1869

Session met at the call of The Moderator. Present Rev. D.A. Penick, A.C.

Alexander, J.M. Black, J.L. Morrison, R.H. Morrison, D.B. Penick & L.C. Kirkpatrick.

When the following business was transacted.

Whereas Com Fame charges S.K.W. Snell and John C. Houston with being several times intoxicated to the grief of their brethren & dishonor of religion especially about the 20th of September 1868 at Harrisburg Depo [sic] & other places. It was resolved that they be cited to meet this Sesion [sic] at the Church on Thursday the 22nd at 2 oclck of this instant to answer to the above charges. Ordered that the following persons be sumoned [sic] as witnesses in the cases

Sandy McKinley Tobias A. Linker N.A. Kirkpatrick

L.C. Kirkpatrick J.L. Query J.M.W. Alexander

A.C. Alexander, ordered that the clerk issue citations & the Elders serve them.

Adjourned until the 22nd instant.

Closed with prayer.

L.C. Kirkpatrick clk

Note: J.M. Black was appointed principal and R.H. Morrison alternate to represent this church in Presbytery the 29th of this instant at Castenia [?] Church.

Anual [sic] statistical report of Rocky River Session
to Concord Presbytery from April 1st 1868 to April 1st 1869

Communicants

Add on Exam.:	3
Added on certif.:	5
Total Comts.:	311

Baptised

Adults:	00
Inf.:	19

No. of children in S. School: 160

Funds collected

Sust.:	97.09
F. Miss.:	51.25
Ed.:	78.
Pub.:	65
Presbyterial:	30

Congragational [sic]: 962

The Session further report that the word & ordinances of Gods house have been regularly & faithfully administered.

The children & youth chatachised [sic]. The Monthly concert for prayer has been kept up in five dierent [sic] places in the congragation [sic] on Saturday evenings before the first sabath [sic] and at the church by the whole congragation [sic]. Also a weekly

prayer meeting in the same localaties [sic] conducted by the Elders & Deacons in connection with the Pastor.

We have adopted the plan of weekly collections and we hope after the people become accustomed to it will prove a success in bringing in funds for the furtherance of the Gospel.

We have paid our Pastor Eight hundred dollars (the amount promised) which is not considered sufficient for his support, yet it is as much as the congragation [sic] can raise. And he is satisfied with that amount.

Respectfully _____ [?] by order of Session

L.C. Kirkpatrick

Clerk of Session

April 18th 1869 Mr. William S. White haveing [sic] been previously elected to the office of ruling Elder and after due consideration signified his willingness to accept, was this day duly inducted into office by prayer & laying on of hands of the Parochial Presbytery.

L.C. Kirkpatrick clerk of Session

The Alternate filled the Appointment at Castinia Church.

Meeting of Session

No. 205 [should be 206]

April 22nd 1869

Session Met agreeable to adjournment. Present Rev. D.A. Penick, A.C.
Alexander, D.B. Penick, J.L. Morrison, R.H. Morrison & L.C. Kirkpatrick.

Constituted by prayer.

The cases of S.K.W. Snell & John C. Houston were taken up. It haveing [sic] been ascertained that the citations had all been served & the parties being absent. It was

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resolved that they be cited to meet this Session at the church on Thursday before the 3rd sabbath [sic] in May next at 2 oclk. P.M. to answer to the charges as preferred [sic] against them and that the clerk notify them that thair [sic] cases will be acted upon at that time whether they are present or not. No further business claiming the attention of session it was moved & carried that we adjourn to meet at the time & place above named.

Closed with prayer.

L.C. Kirkpatrick Clerk of session

Castania Grove April 30th 1869.

Examined & aproved [sic] as far as written.

E.H. Harding - Mod.

Meeting of Session

206 [should be 207]

May 13th 1869

Session Met according to adjournment. Present Rev. D.A. Penick, A.C.

Alexander, J.M. Black, J.S. McClarty, R.H. Morrison & L.C. Kirkpatrick. Opened with prayer.

The cases of S.K.W. Snell & John C. Houston Set for trial today were taken up. The parties being absent & no evidence that the citations had been served, their cases were continued until saturday [sic] Morning the 15th instant instant at 9 1/2 oclk, adjourned until tomorrow morning (it being Friday of our communion services, at 9 oclk)

Closed with prayer.

L.C. Kirkpatrick clk of session

Meeting of Session

207 [should be 208]

Friday Morning May 14th 1869

Session Met by adjournment. Present Rev. D.A. Penick, A.C. Alexander, R.H. Morrison, D.B. Penick, L.C. Kirkpatrick. Opened with prayer.

The following persons after a free conversation on the subject of experimental religion were admitted [sic] to full privileges [sic] in the church, Leroy McKee Morrison, Sarah Virginia Query. By certificate Jas. D. Cline, Elam C. Wiggins & Mary E. Morrison, adjourned to the church for preaching.

May 15 Session Met

Constituted for Judicial business, Present Rev. D.A. Penick, A.C. Alexander, J.M. Black, R.H. Morrison, J.L. Morrison, D.B. Penick & L.C. Kirkpatrick.

The case of J.C. Houston was taken up. He still being absent a vote [?] of causes was passed for continuing. J.M. Black was appointed to conduct the trial on the part of the defence.

The witnesses haveing [sic] been sworn. Sandy McKinley was examaned [sic]. He stated that he had seen him drunk at Harrisburg Depo [sic], he said it was last winter, he thought in December or January. Ques by Def: What evidence had you that he was drunk? Ans. He could not walk without assistance.

R.H. Morrison who served the citation state that he confessed his guilt in part & he further stated that he would not attend the trial & the session might do the pleased about it.

J.S. Query stated that he saw him drunk at Mrs. H.S. Pharrs burial, and that he was in the habit of drinking too much.

L.C. Kirkpatrick stated that he saw him drunk at the time & place refered [sic] to by Query to wit at Mrs. Pharrs burial.

A.C. Alexander stated he saw him drunk in March last in passing the road by the church. After an interchange of opinion it was decided unanionously [sic] that he is guilty as charged & that he be & hereby is suspended from the privileges [sic] of the church until he give satisfactory evidence of repentance, and that the action of the session be published from the pulpit.

The case of S.K.W. Snell was then taken up. The charges being read & J.M. Black being appointed to defend the case Snell being absent, a letter was read from the defendant Makeing [sic] full confession of his guilt, and leaving the case with the session to do what they thought would be best, after an interchange of views on the case it was ordered that he be suspended from the privileges [sic] of the church until he give satisfactory evidence of repentance, and that the action of the session in the case be published from the pulpit at an early day. No further business. Session adjourned. Closed with prayer.

L.C. Kirkpatrick Clerk of session

Note: The delagate [sic] appointed as alternate represented the church in Presbytery at Castenia Grove.

The order of the Session was carried out by the publishing the cases above to the congragation [sic].

L.C. Kirkpatrick clk

August 21st 1869 Session Met to appointed L.C. Kirkpatrick principal & A.C.

Alexander alternate to the next meeting of Presbytery to be held at Davidson River Chapal [sic] Sept. 2nd 1869

Sept. 10th 1869 Robert C. Caldwell haveing [sic] removed from the congragation [sic] requested leave to cease acting as ruling elder which request was considered and

granted by the congagation [sic], Whereupon it was resolved to go into an election at once to fill the vacancy, Which resulted in the election of Dr. J.R. Wilson.

Meeting of Session

208 [should be 209]

September 10th 1869

Session Met at the call of the Modr. Present D.A. Penick Mod. Elders John M. Query, A.C. Alexander, J.S. McClarty, W.S. White, J.L. Morrison, J.M. Black, L.C. Kirkpatrick.

Constituted with prayer.

When the following business was transacted.

Whereas Com Fame charges Josiah L. Philips with having been drunk on the 7th day of August last on the road between Mores [?] store & L.M. Pharrs which offence was greatly aggravated by his unequivocally denying haveing [sic] used any spirits on that day. Such conduct being very reproachful & dishonoring to religion, as well as to the grief of his christian [sic] brethren.

Therefore resolved that he be cited to meet this session at the church on Thursday the 30th day of the present month at 10 oclck A.M. to answer to forgoing charge and that the clerk issue the necessary citations in the case, the witnesses relied on to prove the charges are Moses Mesimer & Edney Benfield, ____ [?] until tomorrow morning at 9 oclck.

L.C. Kirkpatrick clerk

Sept. 11th 9 oclck A.M.

Ordered that a collection be taken up in the church to defray the expense of the delegates to the several meetings of Synods & Presbyteries previous to the Meetings of

said bodies and if enough cannot be collected from the congregation [sic] the balance to be equally assessed [sic] on the members of session.

L.C. Kirkpatrick clerk

The delegates [sic] Principal & alternate appointed to represent this church in Synod at Wilmington also to Presbytery at Davidson River having [sic] failed to fill said appointments were called upon for their excuses which were sustained.

S.N. Johnston received by certificate from Philadelphia

L.C. Kirkpatrick was appointed principal & A.C. Alexander alternate to represent this church in Synod to meet in Morganton in October next.

Session adjourned to meet tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock A.M.

Sabbath [sic] Morning 10 o'clock.

Session Met according to adjournment. When after a very satisfactory interview with Harriet M.L. Alexander (col.d) on experimental religion she was admitted [sic] to full privileges [sic] in this church.

Session adjourned to attend upon the administration of the Lords Supper in the church.

Closed with prayer.

L.C. Kirkpatrick clerk

Meeting of Session

209 [should be 210]

September 30th 10 o'clock. A.M.

Session Met according to adjournment. Present D.A. Penick Mod. J.M. Query, J.S. McLarty, Jas. L. Morrison & S.W. White Elders opened with prayer.

The case of J.L. Philips was taken up. It having been ascertained that he had been duly cited witnesses present. The defendant in a note to the Session gave satisfactory reasons for nonattendance [sic]. Resolved that the case be continued & put to the 9th Saturday of October at 1 oclck P.M. & that the said Philips be cited to Meet us at the time designated at the church for a final issue of the case. Resolved further that Mr. Philips note is a confession of guilt & contains a promise of all suitable acknowledgements, we regard it as unnecessary to cite the witnesses again. Adj. with prayer.

L.C. Kirkpatrick clerk

Meeting of Session

October 23rd 1869

210 [should be 211]

Session Met according to

adjournment. Present Rev. D.A. Penick. Elders J.M. Black, J.S. McClarty, J.L. Morrison, S.W. White & L.C. Kirkpatrick. Constituted with prayer.

The case of Josiah L. Philips being set for trial at this time was taken up, and he being present Made full confession of this guilt as charged, expressed penitence [sic] for his sin, & promised to be more guarded in the future.

Whereupon it was resolved that he receive an admonition from the Moderator in presence of the session & the case dismissed which was done. When the session was closed with prayer.

L.C. Kirkpatrick Clerk

Note: The delagate [sic] to Meeting of Synod at Morganton filled his appointment.

October 24th 1869 Dr. J.R. Wilson formerly elected to the office of ruling Elder in this church was this day duly installed haveing [sic] been previously ordained in another church.

L.C. Kirkpatrick clerk of session

Sessional Records of Rocky River Presbyterian Church, Concord, North Carolina
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March 13th 1870 L.C. Kirkpatrick was appointed principal & A.C. Alexander
alternate to represent this church in Presbytery to Meet in Center Church the 6th day of
April next.

March 20th/ 70 At a meeting of the officers of this church it was resolved to Make
an effort by personal application to raise a fund to pay our supplies.

Resolutions of Respect At a Meeting of the officers of
Rocky River Church the following preamble and resolutions were adopted

Whereas our Heavenly Father in the dispensation of his all wise Providence has been pleased to remove from us on the (8th) eighth day of January, 1870 our venerated [sic] and beloved Pastor the Rev. Daniel Allen Penick who has been permitted [sic] to labour for us nearly thirty five years. Therefore

Resolved, That while we Meekly acquiesce in the will of him who doeth all things well, we fill that our church has sustained a loss next to irreparable [sic].

Resolved. That while we cherish the warmest remembrance of or beloved pastor whose counsels and warnings we shall miss. Yet we render Thanksgiving to the Great Sheperd [sic] of Isreal [sic] that he was permitted [sic] to remain so long with us.

Resolved. That we tender our condolance [sic] to the afflicted family of the deceased in this their sad bereavement, with the comforting assurance that he is not dead but sleepeth and that their loss is his eternal gain.

Resolved. That the clerk of Session be instructed to spread this preamble and these resolutions in our Session book and a copy be sent to the family of the deceased and also to the North Carolina Presbyterian for publication.

John M. Black Clerk

D. Wm. Flow, secy.

Febuary [sic] 27th 1870 The funeral of our Pastor was preached by R.H. Morrison,
D.D. text 1st Cor. 15 ch & 55, 56 57 verses.

O death whare is thy sting O grave whare is they victory.

The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law

Best thanks be to God, which giveeth [sic] us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

L.C. Kirkpatrick Clerk of Session

Annual report of Rocky River Church to
Concord Presbytery from April 1st 1869 to April 1st 1870

Communicants

Added on Examination:	2
Added on certificate:	9
Total No. of Com.:	307

Baptisms

Adults:	0
Infants:	16

No. of children in S. School: 100

Fund collected

Sustintation [?]:	58
F. Miss.:	85
Education:	31
Publications:	25
Presbyterial:	30
Congragrational [sic]:	1060.
Miscellaneous [sic]:	250
Total of funds collected:	1539.

The Session would state in addition to the above that it hath pleased the Head of the church in the dispensation of his all wise Providence to remove from us our venerated and beloved Pastor Rev. Daniel Allen Penick sen, on the 8th day of January 1870.

Leaving us as sheep without a sheperd [sic], and we are now anxiously looking around for

another to break unto us the bread of life. We ask your council and assistance in the Matter.

All of which is respectfully reported

By order of Session

L.C. Kirkpatrick

Clerk of Session

March 28th 1870 At a meeting of session for _____ [?] Dr. J.R. Wilson in the chair after prayer the following business was transacted.

Whereas it is commonly reported that several of our members have participated in dancing, Ordered that J.M. Black & J.M. Wilson be a committee to visit said persons to ascertain the ____ [?] state of affairs & their views on in the matter and report at a future meeting.

L.C. Kirkpatrick clerk

Examined & approved C____ [?] Church

April 6, 1870

R.H. Caldwell Mod

April 28th 1870 Friday Morning the communion previous commenced conducted by Rev. ____ Boogs [?] of Columbia S.C. and D.A. Penick.

Session Met D.A. Penick Mod. Constituted with prayer. Elders present A.C. Alexander, Jas. L. Morrison, W.S. White, J.M. Black, R.H. Morrison, J.M. Query, J.S. McClarty and L.C. Kirkpatrick. No business. adjourned until 10 clk tomorrow Morning.

Saturday Morning 10 oclk Session met & after a very pleasant interview with Miss Flora Alexander & Sarah Maria Phifer on profession of their faith (& Mrs. Laura W. White By

certificate from Hopewell church) were admitted [sic] to full communion in this church. Recess untill [sic] tomorrow morning. Sabath [sic] Morning. No further business this meeting of Session was closed with prayer by the Moderator.

L.C. Kirkpatrick Clerk
of Session

Meeting of Session

211 [should be 212] August 26th 1870

Constituted with prayer. D.A. Penick Moderator. Elders present D.B. Penick, J.L. Morrison, R.H. Morrison, S.W. White, J.M. Black, J.S. McClarty, J.M. Query, A.C. Alexander, L.C. Kirkpatrick.

After a careful examination on the evidence of personal religion Sarah A. Riley and Mary A. Kirkpatrick were admitted [sic] to full Membership in the church, recess until saturday [sic] Morning 27th when L.C. Kirkpatrick was appointed principal & D.B. Penick alternate to represent this church in Presbytery at Taylorsville the wednesday [sic] before the second Sabath [sic] in Sept. next. Recess until Sabath [sic] Morning when session was adjourned by prayer.

L.C. Kirkpatrick clerk

Note: this church was not represented in Presbytery the Principal being sick. Alternate failed to discharge the duty assigned to him.

Sept. 1870 L.C. Kirkpatrick was appointed principal & D.B. Penick alternate to represent this church in synod to Meet in the city of Ralaigh [sic] in Nov. next. Which appointment was filled by the principal.

L.C. Kirkpatrick clerk

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